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(54) **PROJECTION AND/OR WAVEGUIDE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A SOFTWARE CONFIGURABLE LIGHTING DEVICE**

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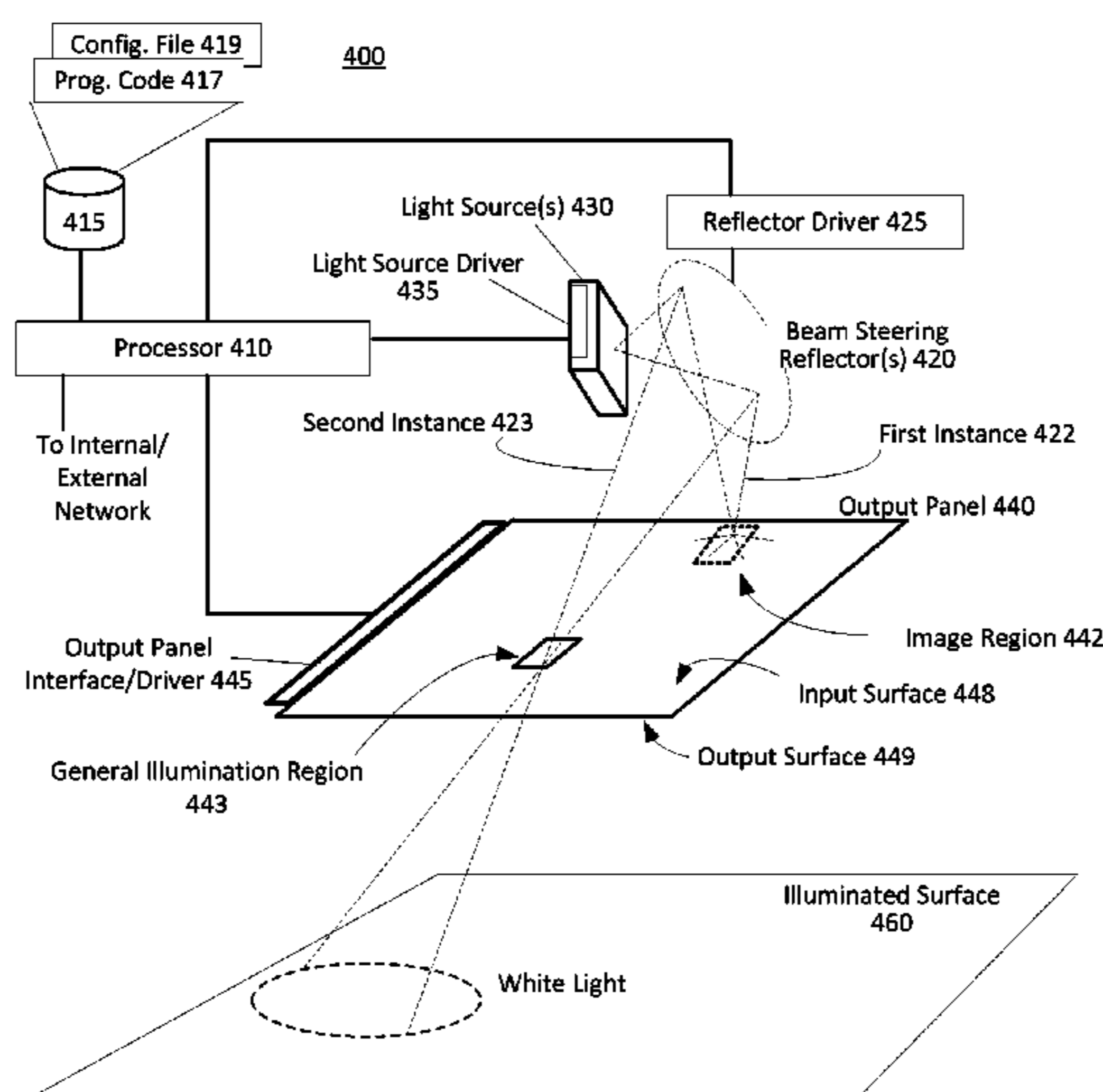
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The examples relate to various implementations of a software configurable lighting device utilizing a projection and/or waveguide-based lighting system that offers the capability to present an image display and/or provide general illumination lighting of a space according to an image display selection and/or general illumination distribution selection. A controller generates control signals that cause the projection and/or waveguide-based lighting system to output the selected images and general illumination.

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FIG. 1

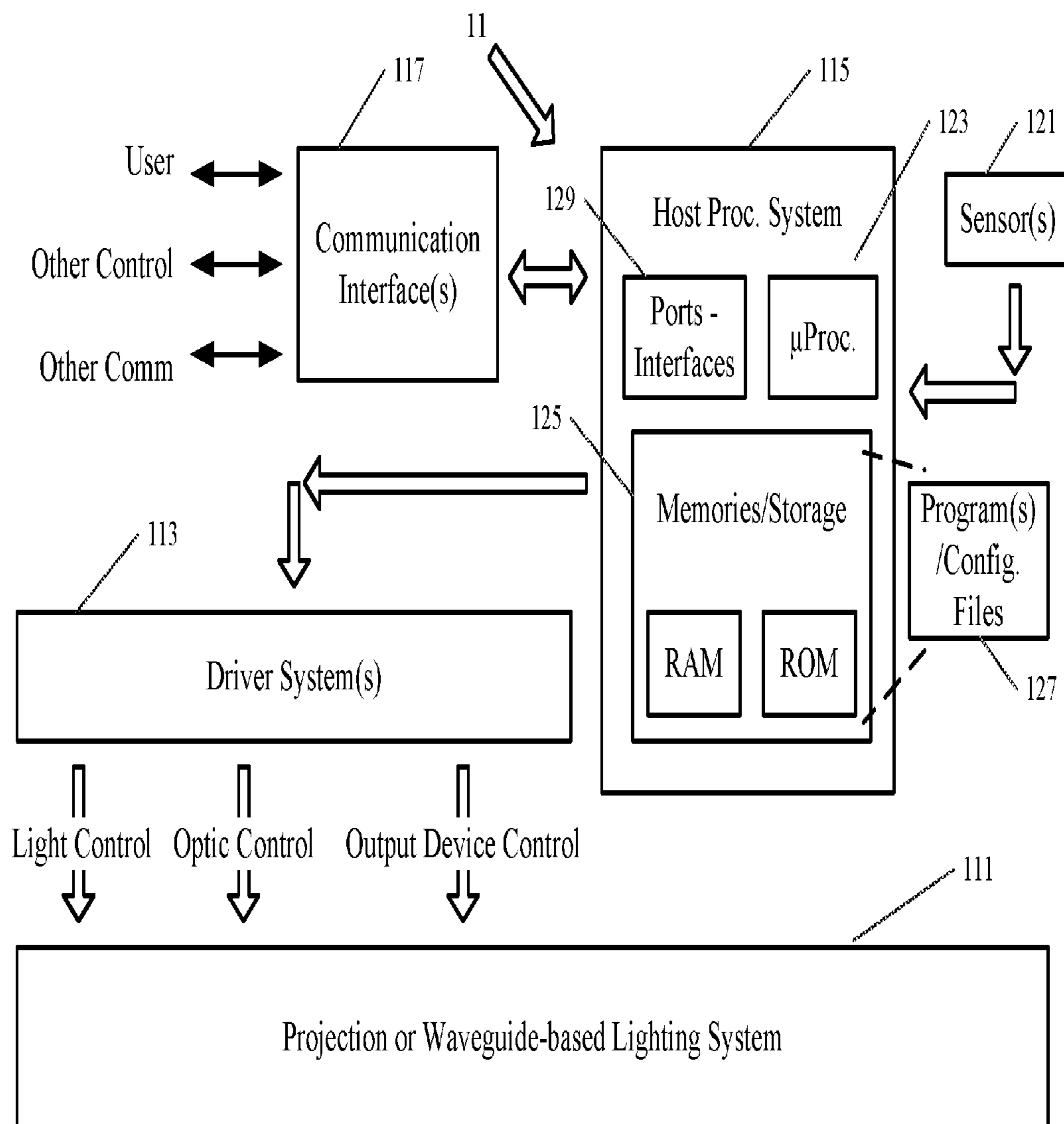


FIG. 2

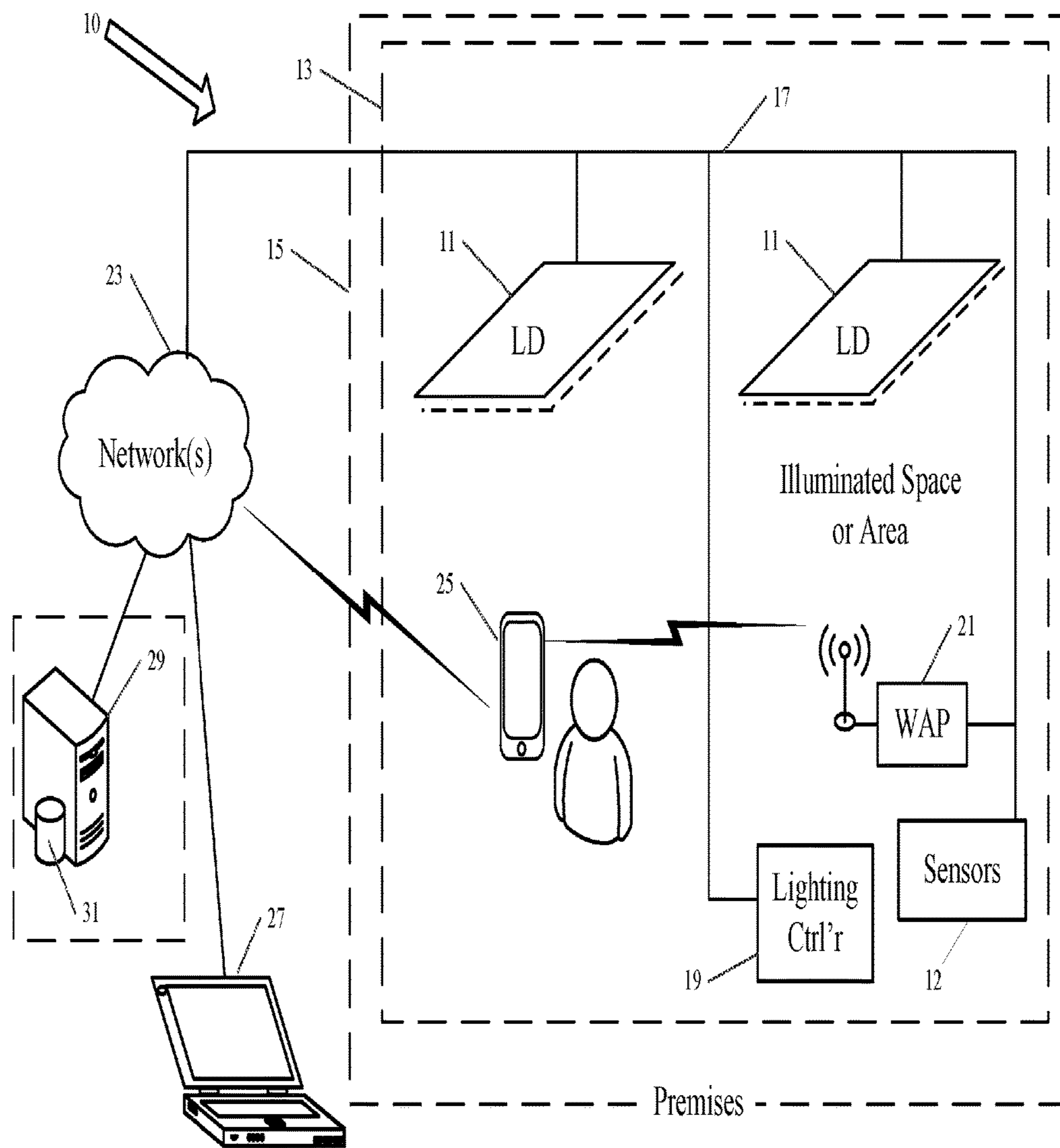


FIG. 3A

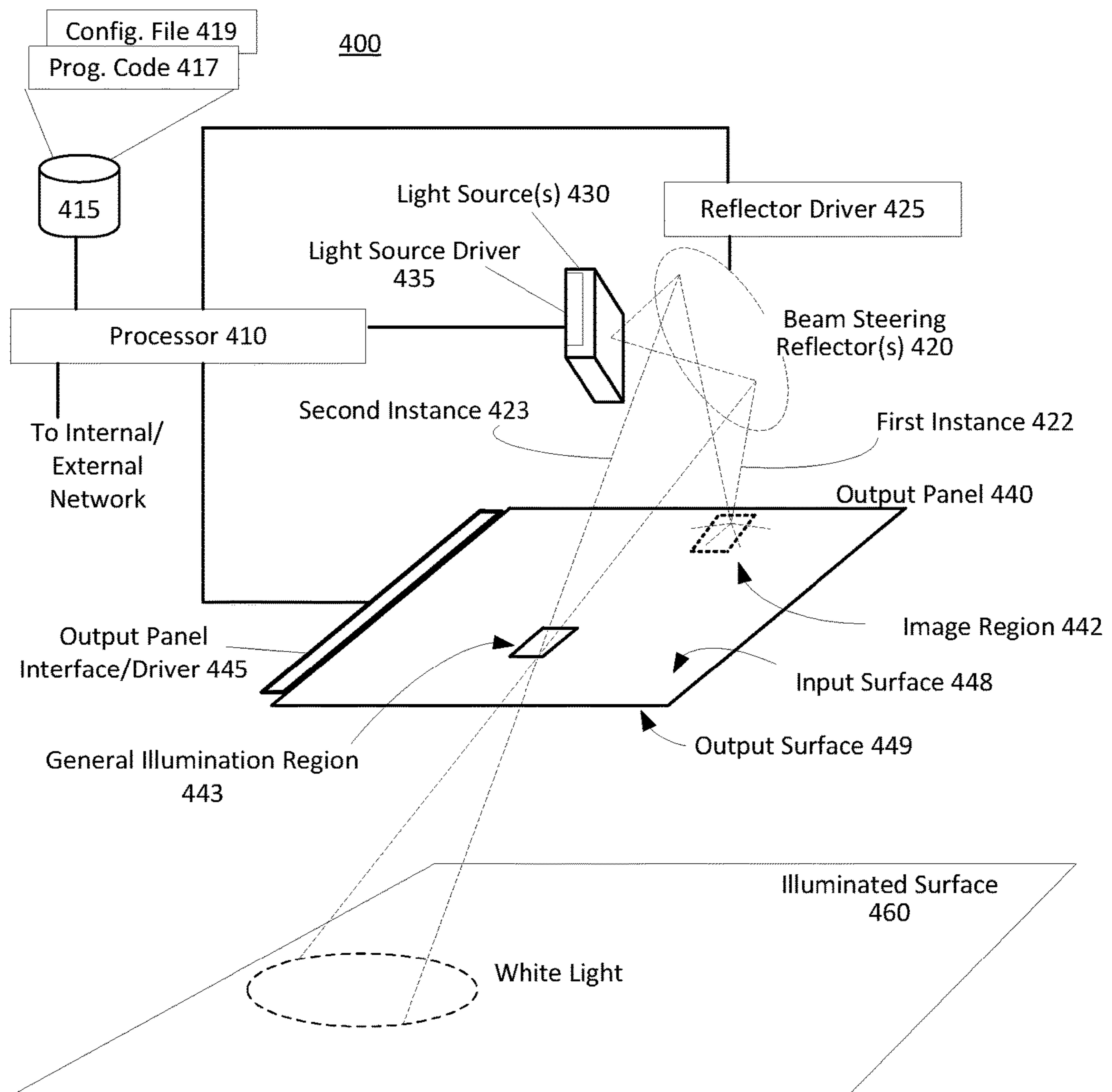


FIG. 3B

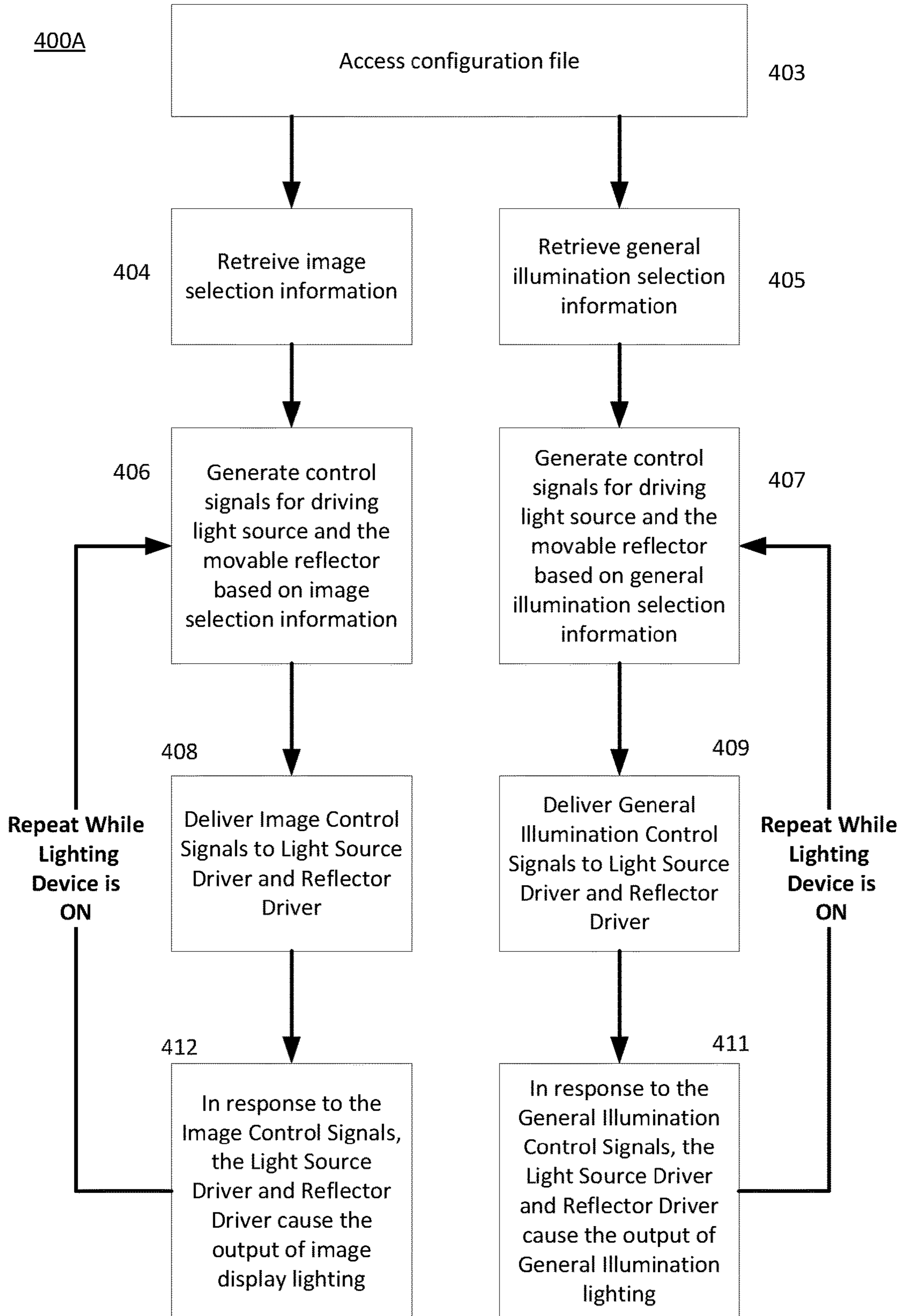


FIG. 4A

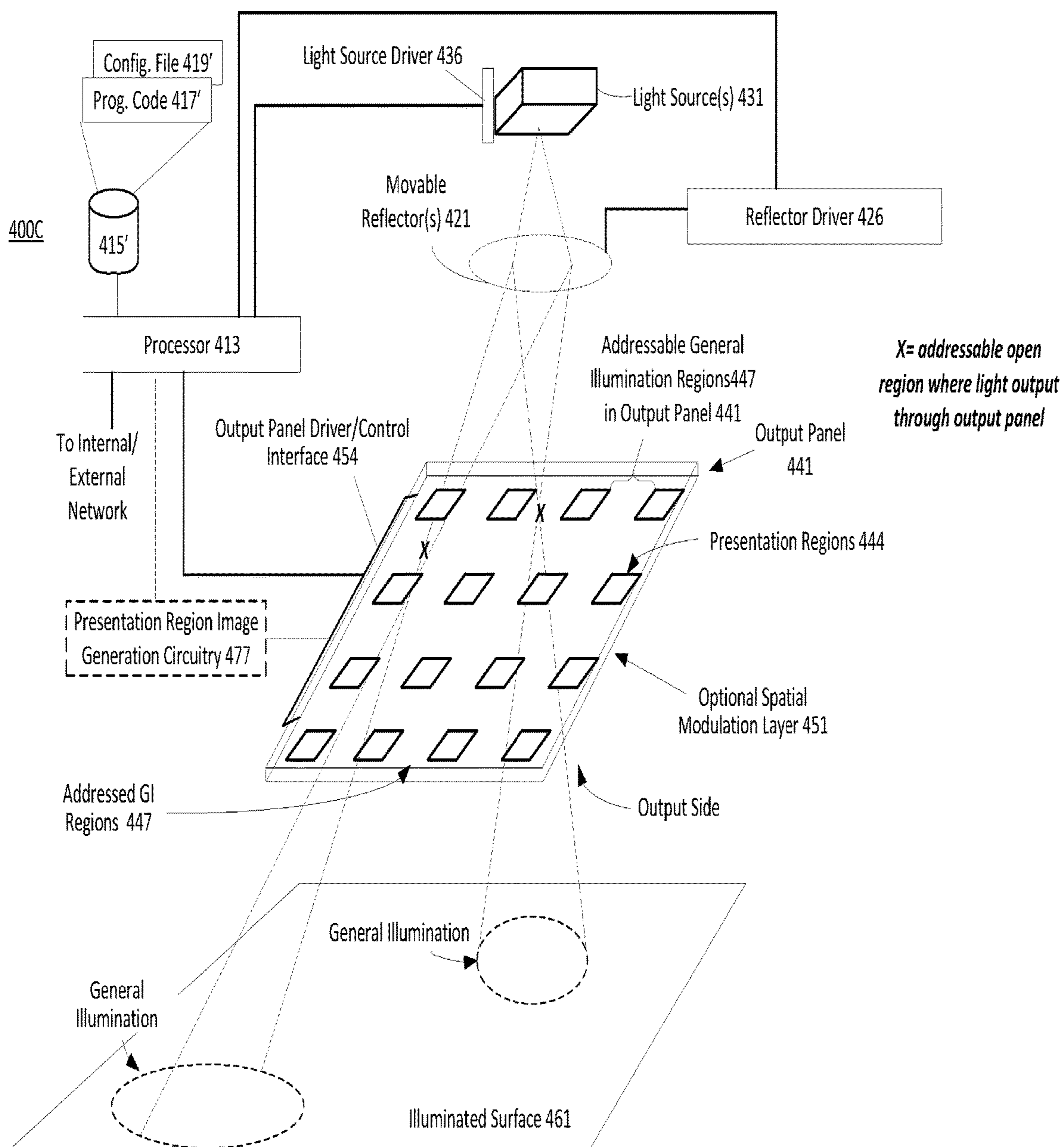


FIG. 4B

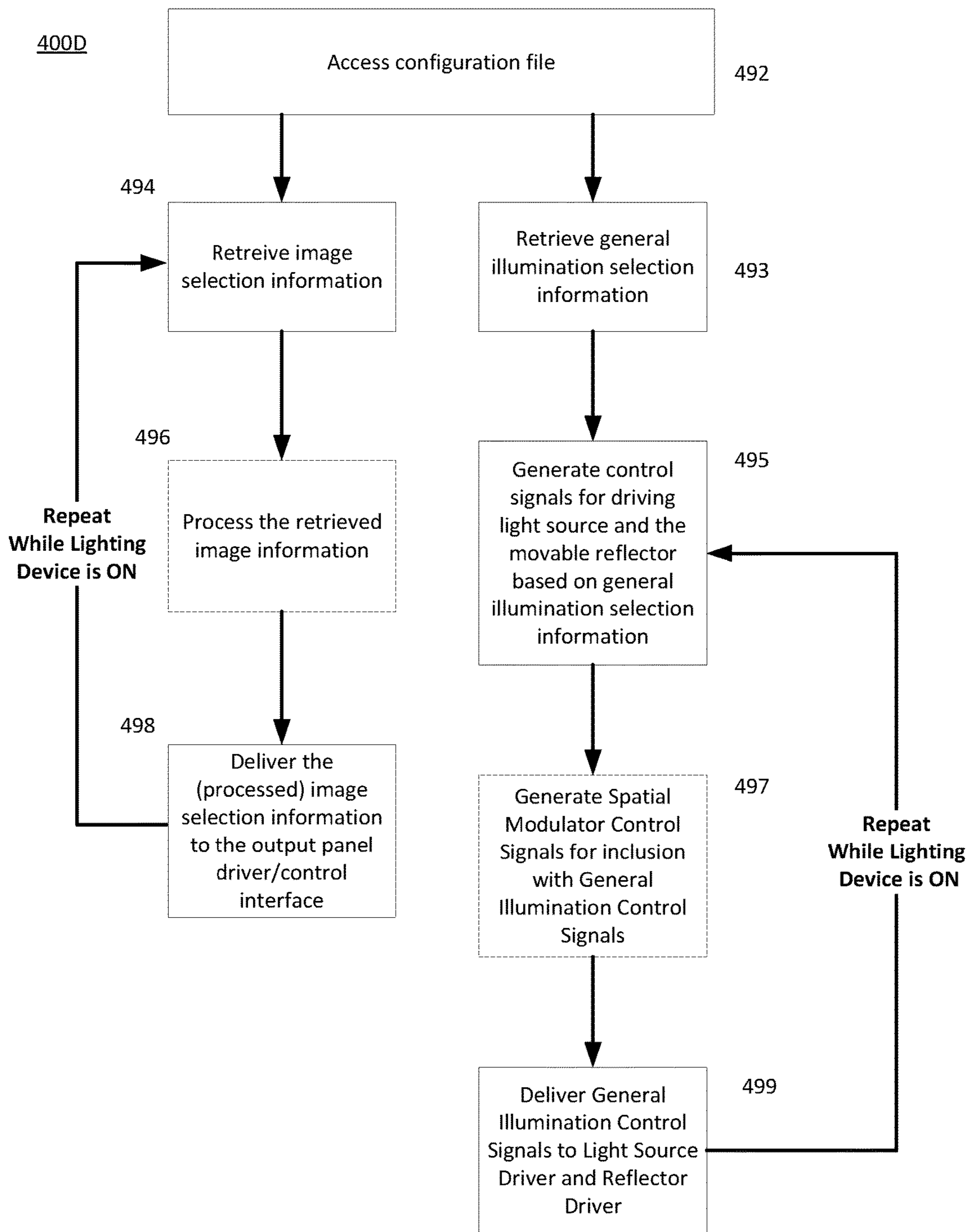


FIG. 5A

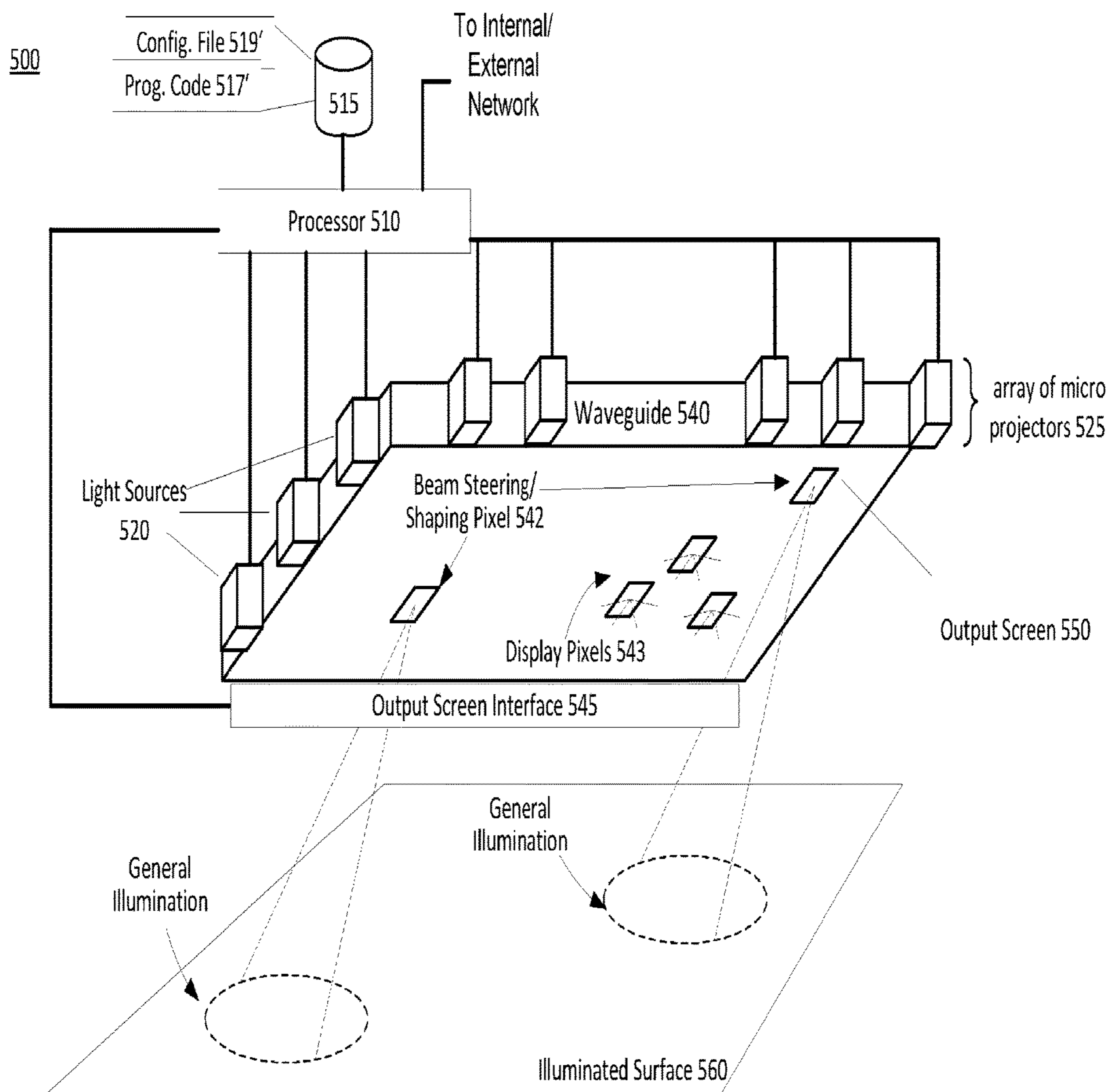


FIG. 5B

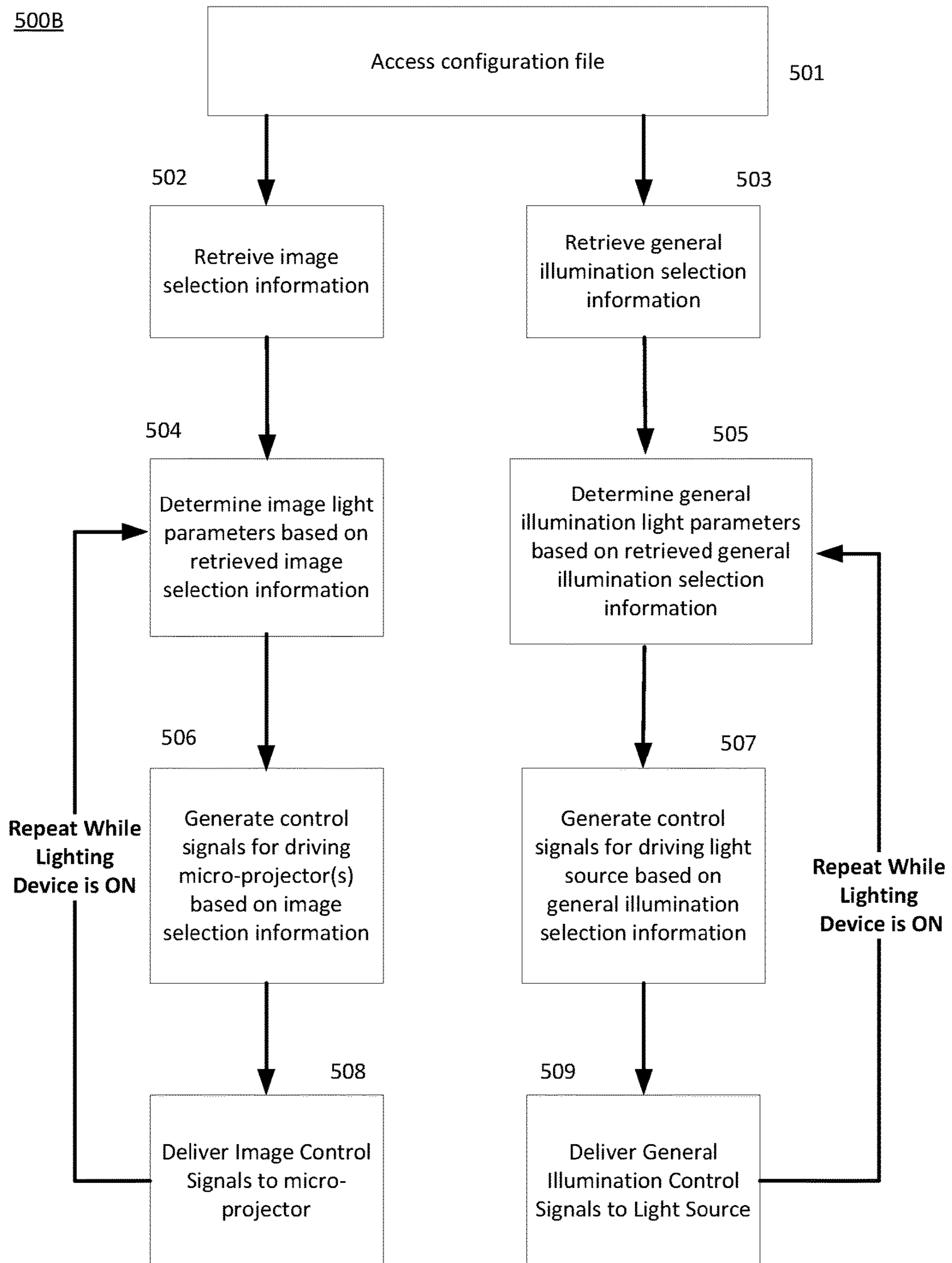


FIG. 6A

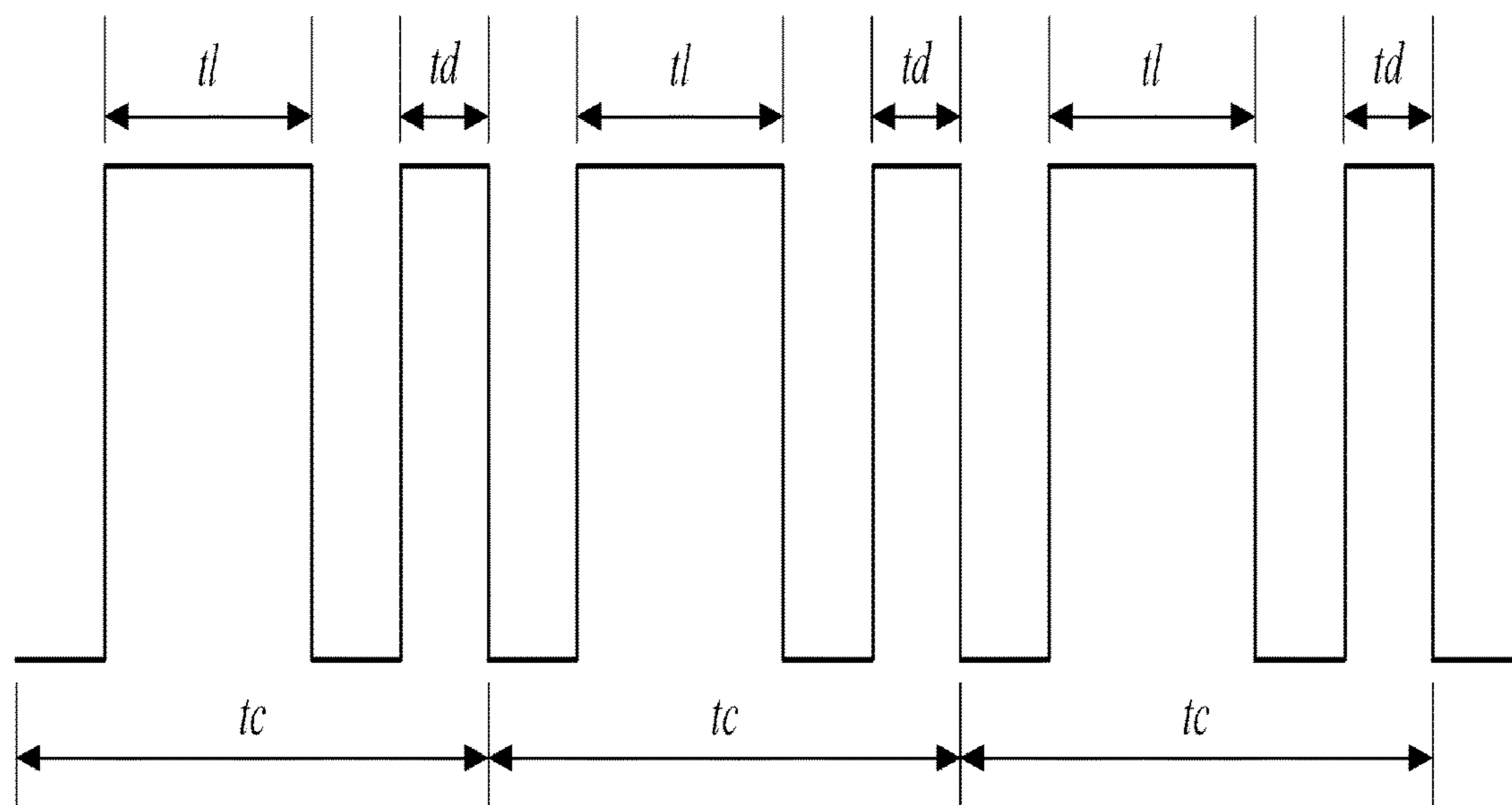


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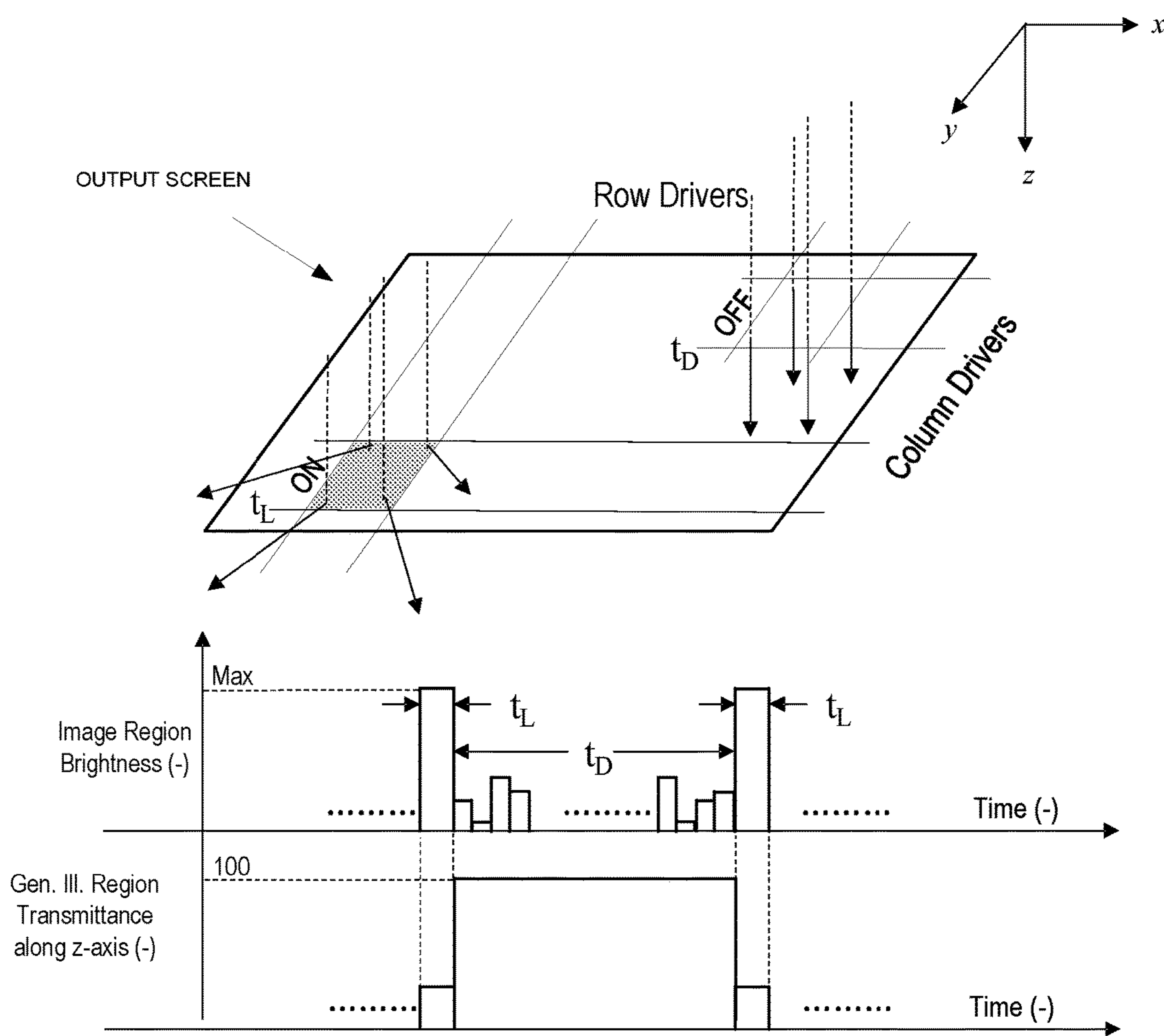


FIG. 7A

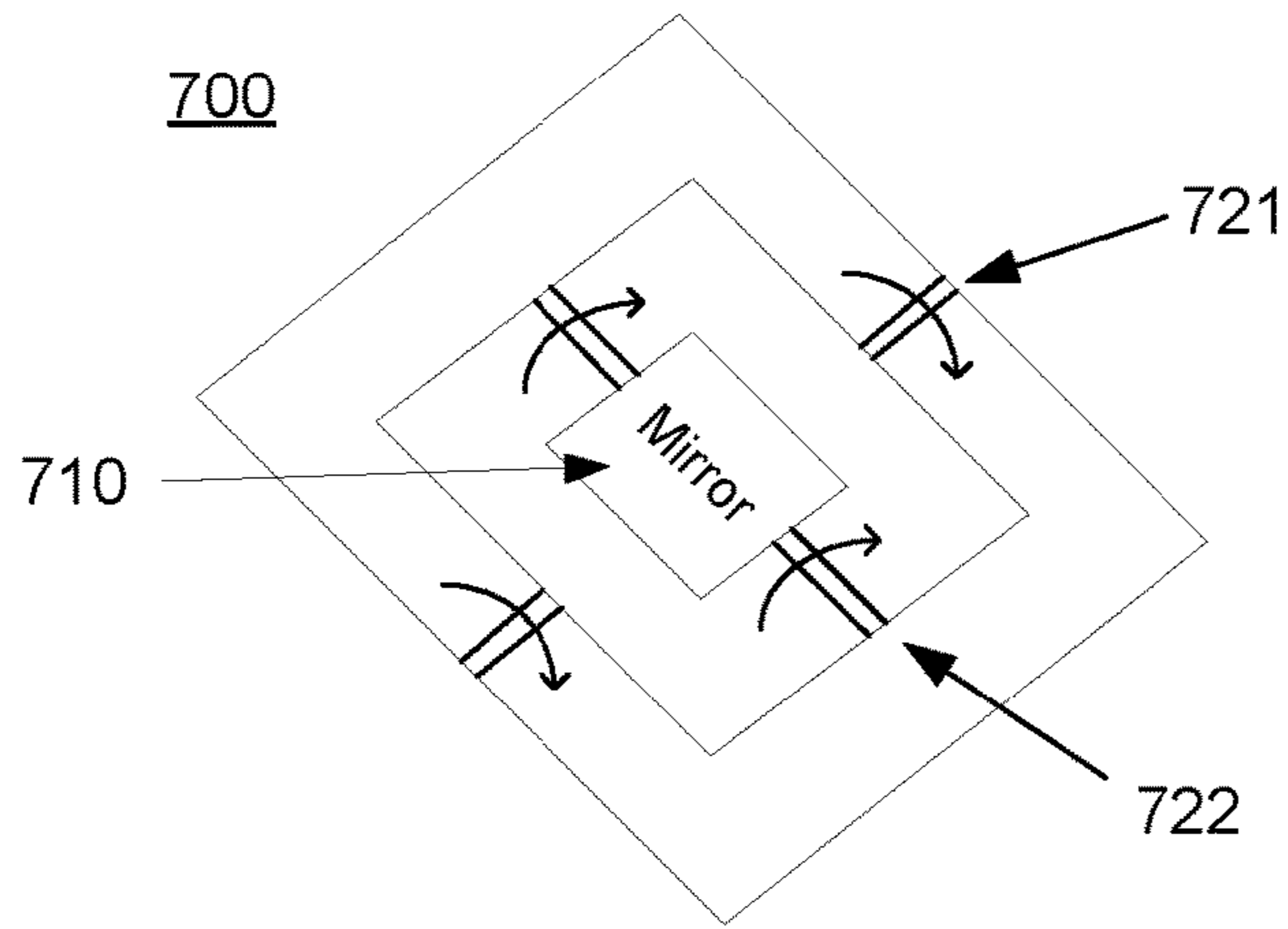


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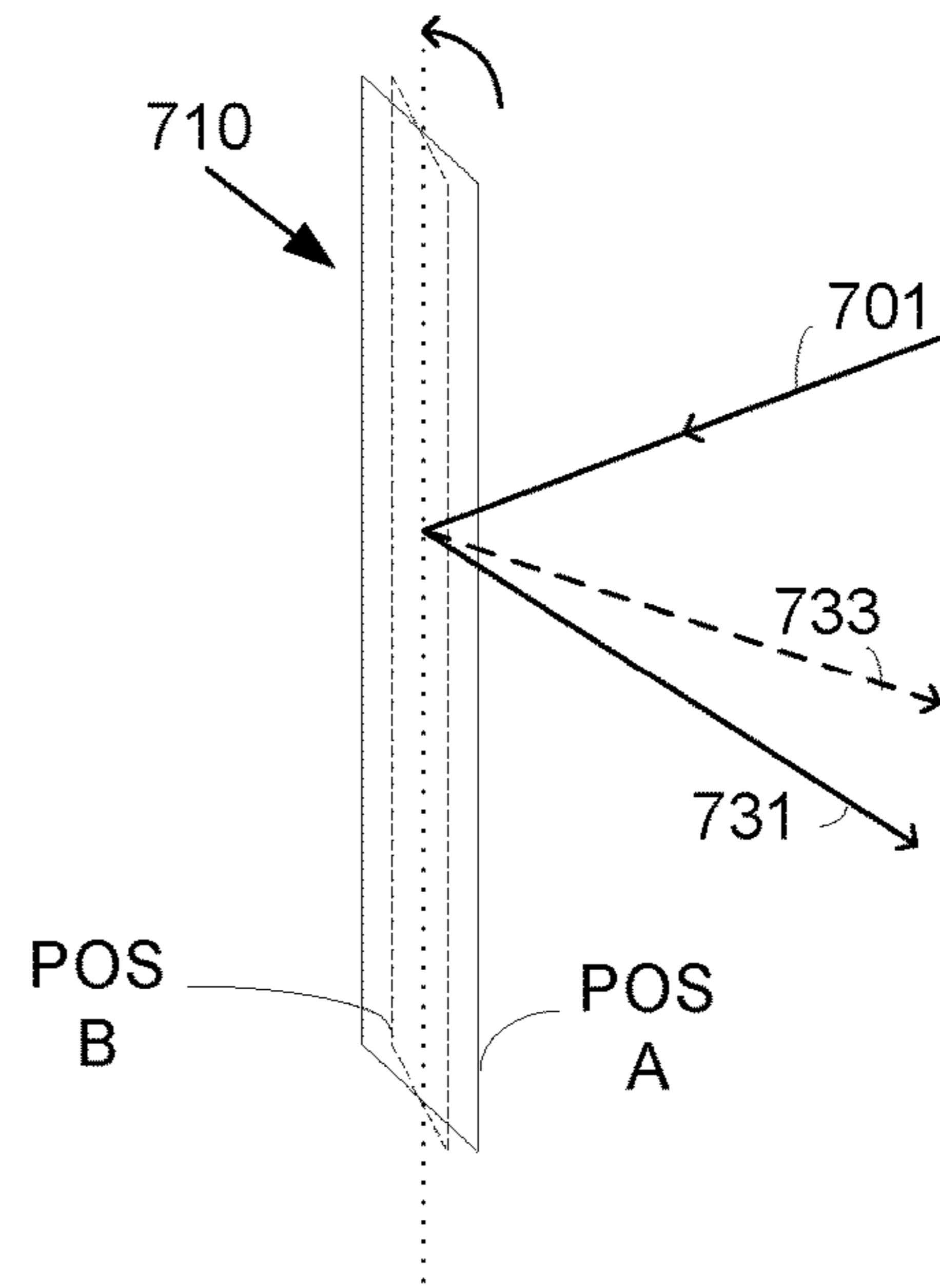


FIG. 7C

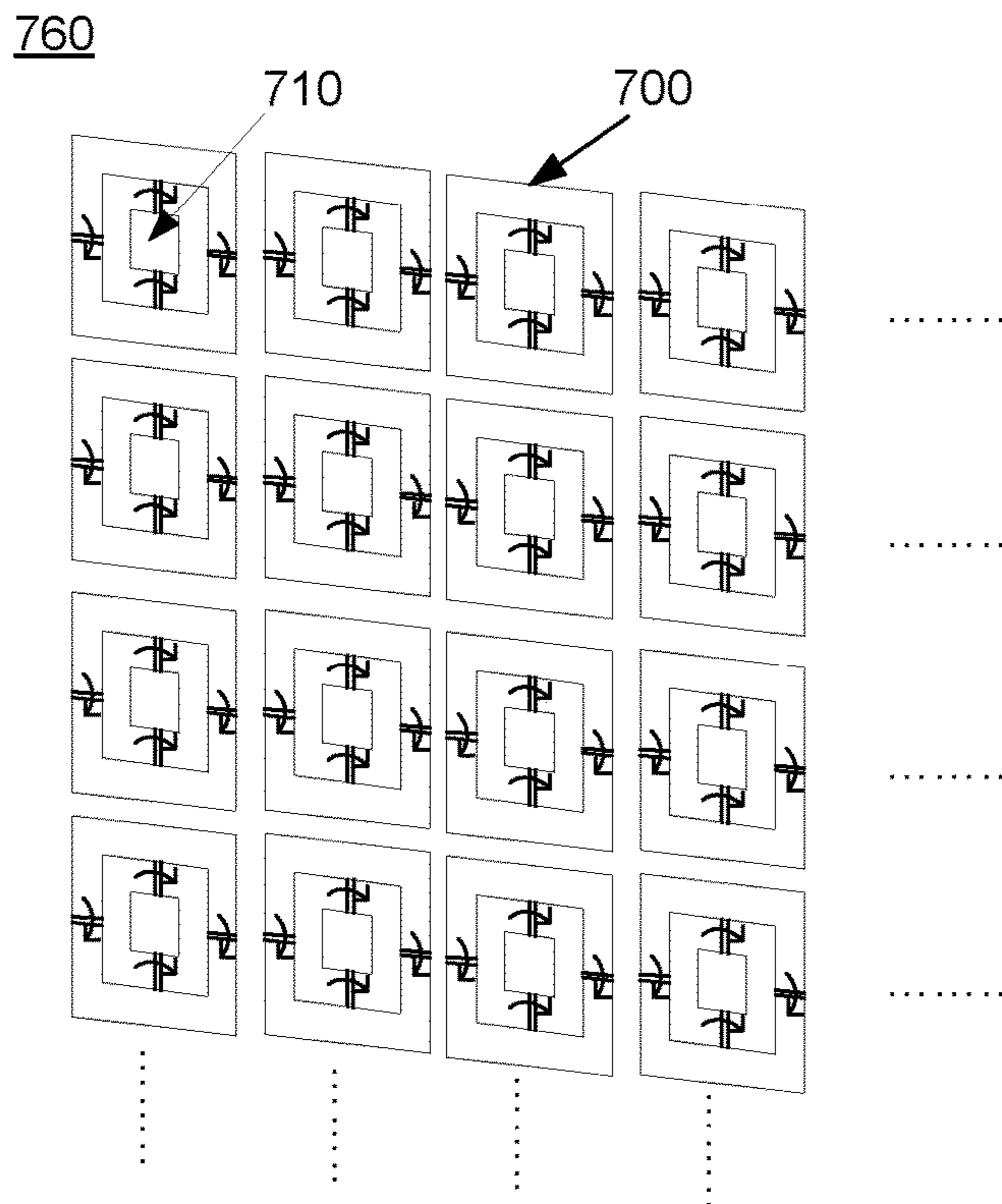


FIG. 8A

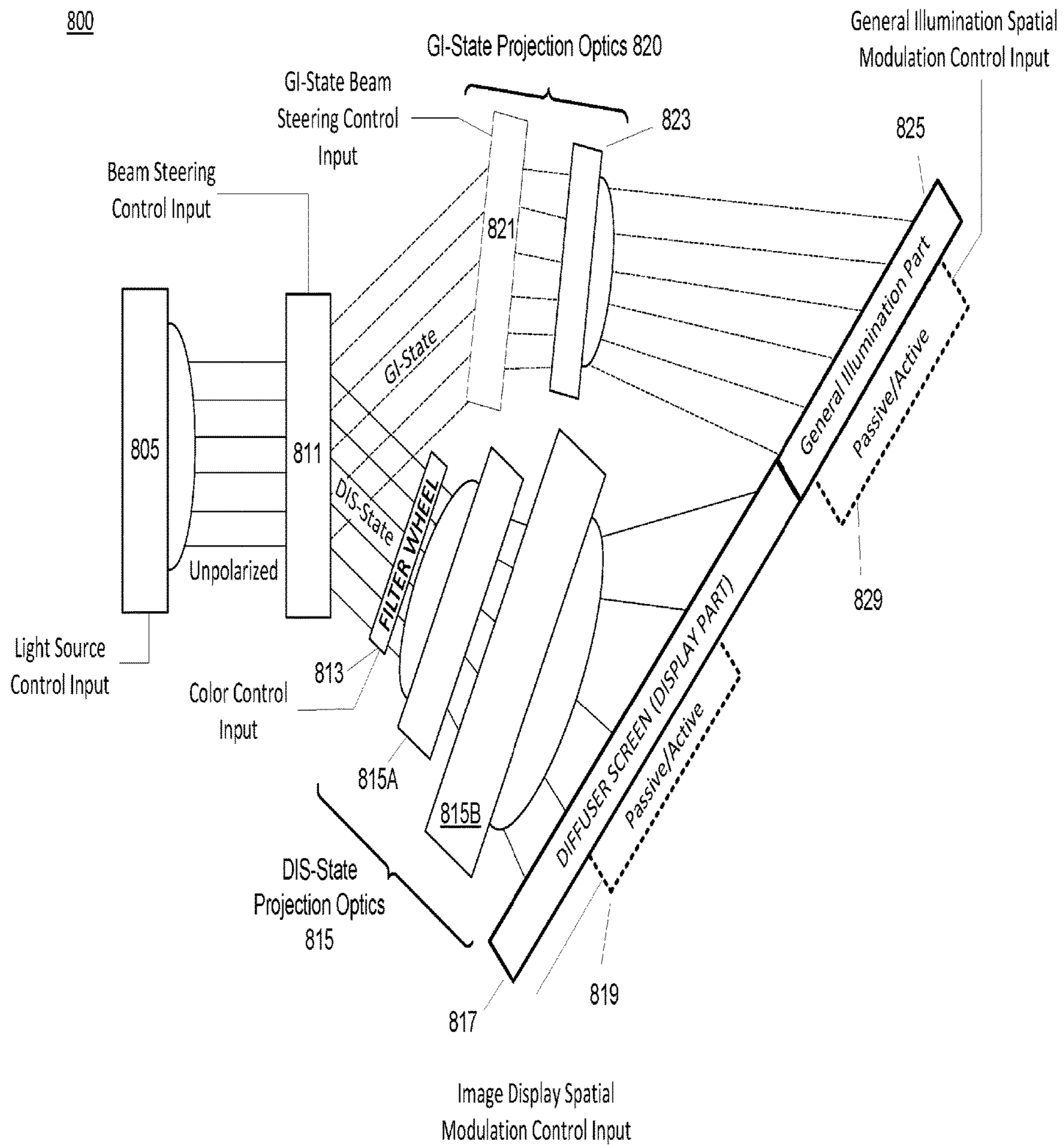


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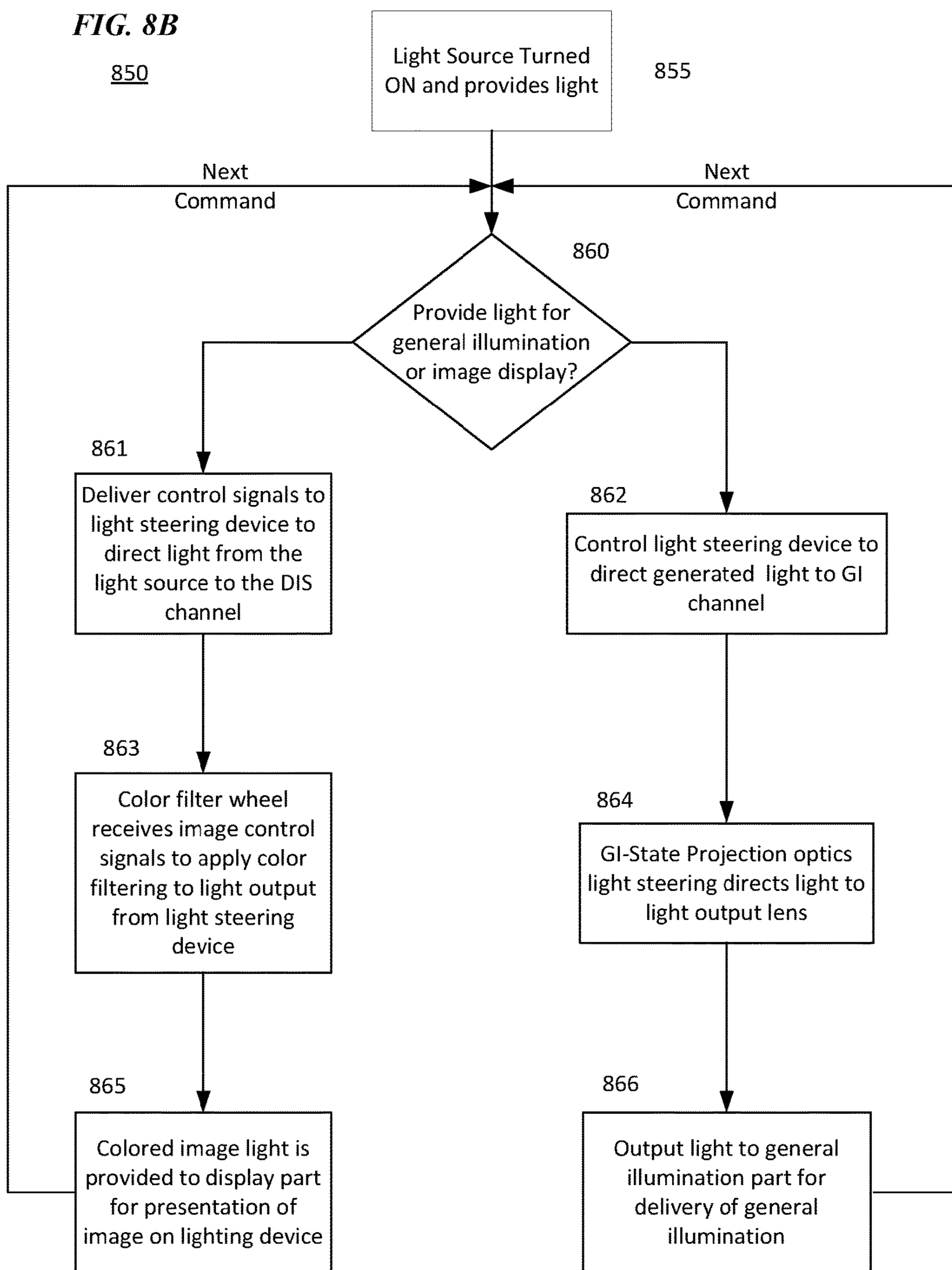
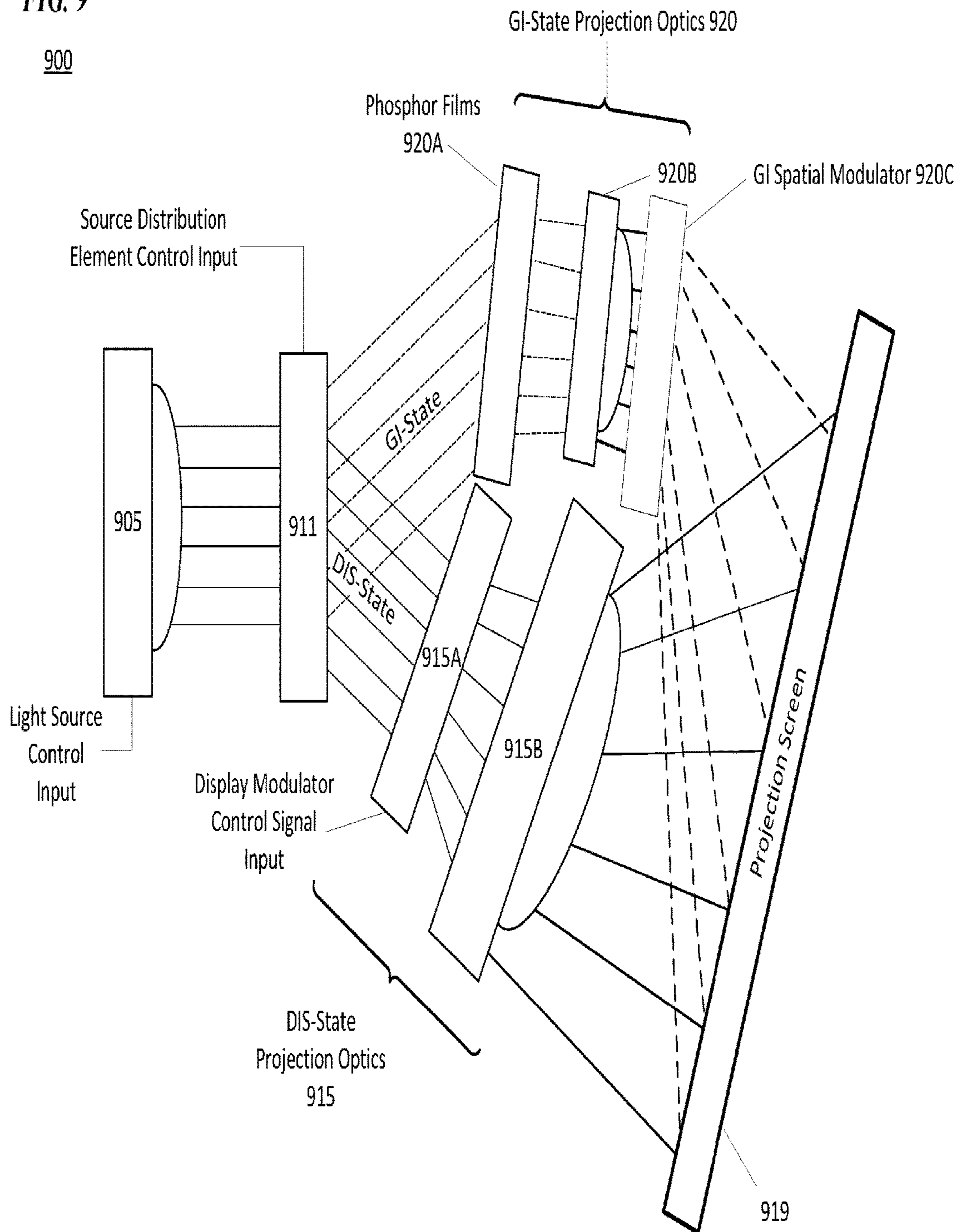
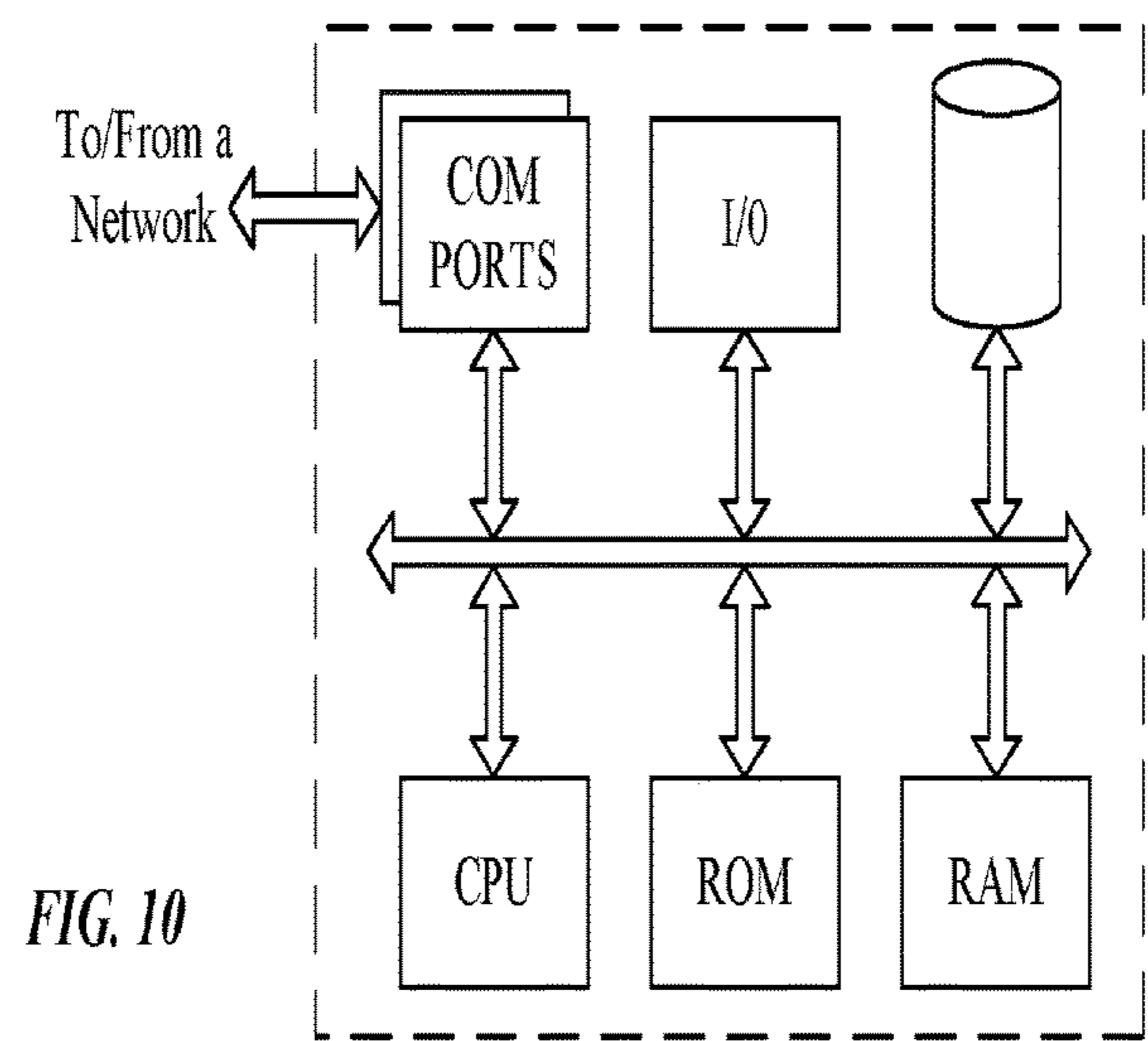
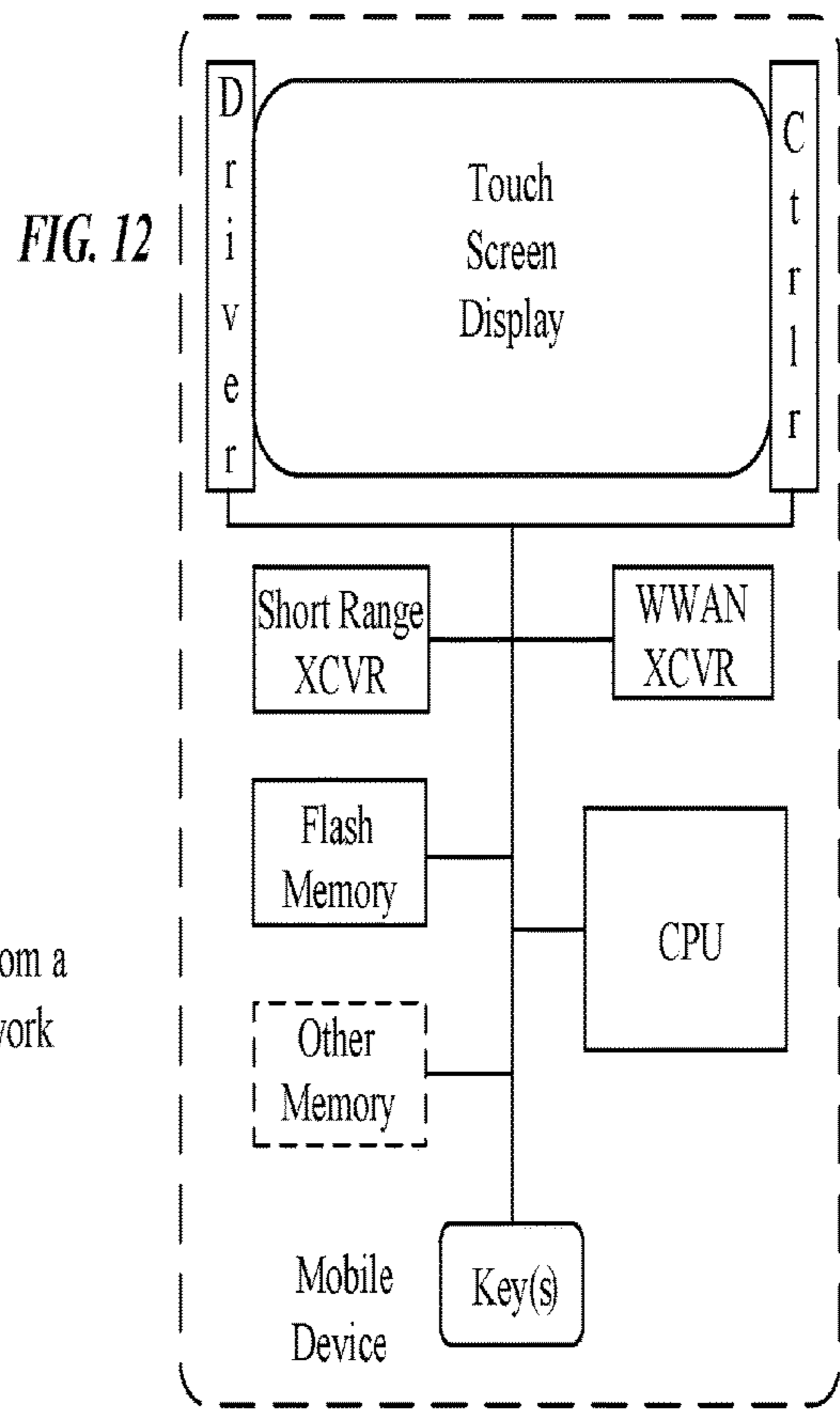
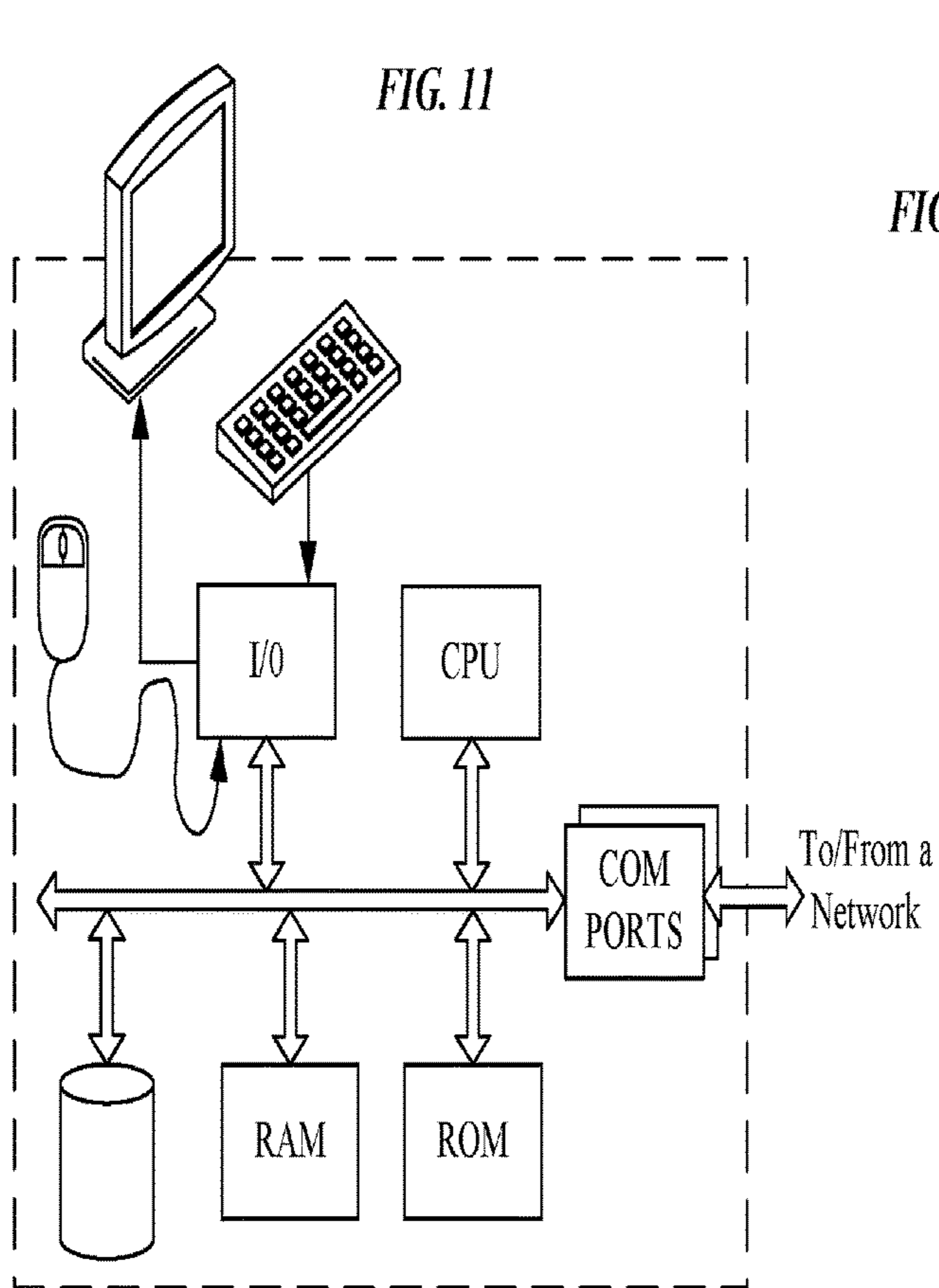


FIG. 9





**PROJECTION AND/OR WAVEGUIDE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR A SOFTWARE
CONFIGURABLE LIGHTING DEVICE**

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED
APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 62/262,071, filed Dec. 2, 2015 and entitled "Projection and/or Waveguide Arrangements for a Software Configurable Lighting Device," the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present subject matter relates to lighting devices, and to configurations and/or operations thereof, whereby a lighting device is configurable by software, e.g. to selectively provide an image and to provide general illumination using a projection and/or waveguide arrangement.

BACKGROUND

Electrically powered artificial lighting has become ubiquitous in modern society. Electrical lighting devices are commonly deployed, for example, in homes, buildings of commercial and other enterprise establishments, as well as in various outdoor settings.

In conventional lighting devices, the luminance output can be turned ON/OFF and often can be adjusted up or dimmed down. In some devices, e.g. using multiple colors of light emitting diode (LED) type sources, the user may be able to adjust a combined color output of the resulting illumination. The changes in intensity or color characteristics of the illumination may be responsive to manual user inputs or responsive to various sensed conditions in or about the illuminated space. The optical distribution of the light output, however, typically is fixed. Various different types of optical elements are used in such lighting devices to provide different light output distributions, but each type of device has a specific type of optic designed to create a particular light distribution for the intended application of the lighting device. The dimming and/or color control features do not affect the distribution pattern of the light emitted from the luminaire.

To the extent that multiple distribution patterns are needed for different lighting applications, multiple luminaires must be provided. To meet the demand for different appearances and/or different performance (including different distributions), a single manufacturer of lighting devices may build and sell thousands of different luminaires.

Some special purpose light fixtures, for example, fixtures designed for stage or studio type lighting, have implemented mechanical adjustments. Mechanically adjustable lenses and irises enable selectable adjustment of the output light beam shape, and mechanically adjustable gimbal fixture mounts or the like enable selectable adjustment of the angle of the fixture and thus the direction of the light output. The adjustments provided by these mechanical approaches are implemented at the overall fixture output, provide relatively coarse overall control, and are really optimized for special purpose applications, not general lighting.

There have been more recent proposals to develop lighting devices offering electronically adjustable light beam distributions, using a number of separately selectable/controllable solid state lamps or light engines within one light fixture. In at least some cases, each internal light engine or

lamp may have an associated adjustable electro-optic component to adjust the respective light beam output, thereby providing distribution control for the overall illumination output of the fixture.

Although the more recent proposals provide a greater degree of distribution adjustment and may be more suitable for general lighting applications, the outward appearance of each lighting device remains the same even as the device output light distribution is adjusted. There may also be room for still further improvement in the degree of adjustment supported by the lighting device.

There also have been proposals to use displays or display-like devices mounted in or on the ceiling to provide variable lighting. The Fraunhofer Institute, for example, has demonstrated a lighting system using luminous tiles, each having a matrix of red (R) LEDs, green (G), blue (B) LEDs and white (W) LEDs as well as a diffuser film to process light from the various LEDs. The LEDs of the system were driven to simulate or mimic the effects of clouds moving across the sky. Although use of displays allows for variations in appearance that some may find pleasing, the displays or display-like devices are optimized for image output and do not provide particularly good illumination for general lighting applications. A display typically has a Lambertian output distribution over substantially the entire surface area of the display screen, which does not provide the white light intensity and coverage area at a floor or ceiling height offered by a similarly sized ceiling-mounted light fixture. Liquid crystal displays (LCD) also are rather inefficient. For example, backlights in LCD televisions have to produce almost ten times the amount of light that is actually delivered at the viewing surface. Therefore, any LCD displays that are to be used as lighting products need to be more efficient than typical LCD displays for the lighting device implementation to be commercially viable. Projection displays are typically cost effective alternatives to direct-view displays such as LCDs, when large area and high brightness are desired. But the color quality and light distribution from prior projection displays are not sufficient for general lighting applications.

SUMMARY

Hence, for the reasons outlined above or other reasons, there is room for further improvement in lighting devices.

An example of apparatus as disclosed herein includes a memory, an electrically driven, controllable light source, a controllable beam steering reflector, a controllable, light output panel and a processor. The controllable beam steering reflector has a movable reflective surface optically aligned with the light source. The controllable, light output panel is optically coupled to the movable reflective surface. Programming code and an apparatus configuration file are stored in the memory. The apparatus configuration file includes an image display selection and a general illumination lighting distribution selection. The processor is coupled to the memory, the light source, the beam steering reflector and the light output panel. Upon execution of programming code stored in the memory, the processor is configured to output control signals to the light source, the beam steering reflector and the light output panel based on the apparatus configuration file to facilitate output of image light and output of general illumination lighting generated by the light source through the light output panel.

In some examples, an apparatus includes a memory, programming code stored in the memory, an electrically, controllable light source, a beam steering reflector, an output panel and a processor. The beam steering reflector has a

movable reflective surface the orientation of which is electrically controllable. The output panel includes a control interface, a presentation region, and an addressable general illumination region having controllable states of opacity. The processor is coupled to the memory, the light source, the movable reflector, and the communication interface of the output panel. The processor, upon execution of the programming code stored in the memory, is configured to set light output parameters to generate light by the light source; direct the generated light toward the general illumination region of the output panel; and set the opacity state of the general illumination region according to the processed data.

Some examples of apparatus as disclosed herein include a one or more electrically, controllable light sources; a waveguide to which the one or more light sources are optically coupled; an array of controllable micro-projectors coupled to the waveguide; and an electrically, controllable output screen coupled to an output of the waveguide. The array of controllable micro-projectors includes a plurality of individually controllable micro-projectors, each of which individually controllable micro-projectors is controllable to aim output light that is output from predetermined locations of the output of the waveguide. The output screen includes a first set of controllable optics aligned with the waveguide that distribute light from the light sources according to general illumination distribution light parameters, the first set of controllable optics comprising a plurality of individually controllable optical elements; and a second set of controllable optics that process, according to image light parameters, the light aimed by the array of micro-projectors reflected from the predetermined locations of the waveguide reflective surface to output an image, the second set of controllable optics comprising a plurality of individually controllable optical elements.

Examples also include an apparatus including a first optical channel that provides image display light, the first optical channel including a color filter, DIS-State projection optics, and a diffuser screen, wherein the diffuser screen displays an image; a second optical channel that provides general illumination light to the premises, the second optical channel including an GI-State projection optics, and a general illumination part, wherein the general illumination part outputs general illumination to a premises in which the apparatus is located; a light source that emits light; and a controllable beam steering device coupled to the light source, and coupled to each of the first optical channel and the second optical channel, the controllable beam steering device configured to direct light emitted from the light source to either the first or the second optical channel in response to a control signal indicating to which of the first or second optical channel to steer the light emitted from the light source.

Additional objects, advantages and novel features of the examples will be set forth in part in the description which follows, and in part will become apparent to those skilled in the art upon examination of the following and the accompanying drawings or may be learned by production or operation of the examples. The objects and advantages of the present subject matter may be realized and attained by means of the methodologies, instrumentalities and combinations particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The drawing figures depict one or more implementations in accord with the present concepts, by way of example only,

not by way of limitations. In the figures, like reference numerals refer to the same or similar elements.

FIG. 1 is a high-level functional block diagram of a projection and/or waveguide based software configurable lighting apparatus.

FIG. 2 is a high-level networking block diagram illustrating an example of a lighting system, such as that shown in FIG. 1, in a space of a premises.

FIG. 3A is a somewhat more detailed illustration of an example of a projection and/or waveguide based software configurable lighting device including a high-level illustration of components of the lighting device.

FIG. 3B is a flowchart of a process utilizing a projection approach for a software configurable lighting device, such as that shown in FIG. 3A.

FIG. 4A is another example of a somewhat more detailed illustration of an example of a projection and/or waveguide based software configurable lighting device including a high-level illustration of components of the lighting device.

FIG. 4B is a flowchart of a process utilizing a projection approach for a projection-based software configurable lighting device, such as that shown in FIG. 4A.

FIG. 5A is another example of a waveguide based software configurable lighting device including a high-level illustration of components of the lighting device.

FIG. 5B is a flowchart of a process utilizing a waveguide approach for a software configurable lighting device, such as that shown in FIG. 5A.

FIG. 6A is a timing diagram useful in understanding a time division multiplexing approached to the display and lighting functions of the projection and/or waveguide based software configurable lighting device.

FIG. 6B is a functional diagram of an example of a time division multiplexing implementation of display and lighting functions of the projection and/or waveguide based software configurable lighting device.

FIG. 7A illustrates an example of a single multi-dimensional micro-electrical mechanical system (MEMS) mirror that can rotate in multiple directions in response to an applied voltage, for example, for use as a movable reflector.

FIG. 7B shows how light direction changes due to rotation of the single multi-dimensional MEMS mirror of FIG. 7A.

FIG. 7C shows an example MEMS mirror array formed from the single multi-dimensional MEMS of FIG. 7A that facilitates beam direction and beam direction.

FIG. 8A shows an example of a modified ON/OFF state light recycling system usable with examples of a projection-based lighting devices such as lighting devices 11 shown in FIG. 2.

FIG. 8B illustrates a process in which the modified ON/OFF state light recycling system of FIG. 8A provides general illumination lighting and an image display from a projection-based lighting device such as lighting devices 11 of FIG. 2.

FIG. 9 shows another projection-based example based on the arrangement illustrated in FIG. 8.

FIG. 10 is a simplified functional block diagram of a computer that may be configured as a host or server, for example, to supply configuration information or other data to the software configurable lighting device of FIGS. 1, 2, 3A, 4A, and 5A.

FIG. 11 is a simplified functional block diagram of a personal computer or other user terminal device, which may communicate with the lighting device of FIGS. 1, 2, 3A, 4A, and 5A.

FIG. 12 is a simplified functional block diagram of a mobile device, as an alternate example of a user terminal

device, for possible communication with the lighting device of FIGS. 1, 2, 3A, 4A, and 5A.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

In the following detailed description, numerous specific details are set forth by way of examples in order to provide a thorough understanding of the relevant teachings. However, it should be apparent to those skilled in the art that the present teachings may be practiced without such details. In other instances, well known methods, procedures, components, and/or circuitry have been described at a relatively high-level, without detail, in order to avoid unnecessarily obscuring aspects of the present teachings.

The various examples disclosed herein relate to a lighting platform that utilizes a projection or waveguide arrangement to provide a lighting device that is configured to output images of, for example, virtual luminaires or other images, and provide general illumination light distributions that have been created in software. The described lighting devices, in some examples, offer the performance and aesthetic characteristics of a catalogue luminaire or whatever distribution and aesthetic appearance a designer may envision.

A software configurable lighting device, installed for example as a ceiling or wall-mounted panel, offers the capability to appear like and emulate a variety of different lighting devices. Emulation may include the appearance of the lighting device as installed in the wall or ceiling, possibly both when and when not providing lighting, as well as light output distribution, e.g. direction and/or beam shape. Multiple panels may be installed in a room. These panels may be networked together to form one display. In addition, this network of panels will allow industry standard and/or government standard, configurable lighting in the space of a premises in which the lighting is installed.

Image display may be the generation of a real-world scene, such as clouds, lighting device, objects, colored tiles, photographs, videos and the like, or computer-generated images, such as graphics and the like. In other examples, the image will be a representation of or include a representation (with surrounding other imagery) of a discernible lighting device. The lighting device image, for example, may depict a conventional fixture or type of actual luminaire.

Reference now is made in detail to the examples illustrated in the accompanying drawings and discussed below.

FIG. 1 depicts an example of a lighting device 11, including high layer logic and communications elements, and a projection and/or waveguide-based software configurable lighting device 111 configured to simultaneously provide general illumination and display functionalities and one or more drivers (shown as a system) 113. As discussed in more detail later, the system 111 may utilize projection and/or waveguide technologies.

As shown in FIG. 1, the lighting fixture 11 includes the software configurable lighting system 111, a driver system 113, a host processing system 115, and one or more communication interface(s) 117. Apparatuses implementing functions like those of the software configurable lighting system 111 may take other forms. In some examples, some components attributed to the lighting device 11 may be separated from the software configurable lighting system 111. For example, an apparatus may have all of the above hardware components on a single hardware device as shown or in different somewhat separate units. In a particular example, one set of the hardware components may be separated from software configurable lighting system 111, such as the host processing system 115 and may run several

systems, such as the driver system 113 from a remote location. Also, one set of intelligent components, such as the microprocessor 123, may control/drive some number of driver systems 113 and/or software configurable lighting systems 111.

One or more sensors 121 may also be coupled to the host processor 115 to provide signals indicating premises-related environmental conditions, such as natural lighting conditions, room occupancy indications, indoor temperature, humidity or the like, status updates, operating conditions (e.g., component temperatures, power usage, ON time duration, or the like), indicators of external environmental conditions, such as rain, outdoor temperature, or the like, as well as other types of sensors relevant to industrial and residential lighting environments.

The software configurable lighting system 111 includes controllable light source(s), movable reflector(s) and a controllable output panel. At this time it may be appropriate to explain some of the terms that will be frequently referenced throughout the discussion of examples. For example, the light sources in the controllable system are arranged to provide light toward an optical system, such as a movable reflector, a waveguide or projection optics (all of which are discussed in more detail with reference to other examples) within the software configurable lighting system 111. The light source is electrically controllable with respect to one or more light output parameters comprising light intensity or light color characteristic. In some examples with multiple light sources, each the light source is individually controllable in response to control signals from the driver system 113.

For example, a processor 123 by accessing programming 127 in the memory 125 controls operation of the driver system 113 and other operations of the lighting device 11. In the examples, the processor 123 processes data retrieved from the memory 123 and/or other data storage, and responds to light output parameters in the retrieved data to control the light generation and distribution system 111. The light output parameters may include light intensity, light color characteristics, spatial modulation, spatial distribution and the like.

The host processing system 115 provides the high level logic or “brain” of the device 11. In the example, the host processing system 115 includes data storage/memories 125, such as a random access memory and/or a read-only memory, as well as programs 127 stored in one or more of the data storage/memories 125. The host processing system 115 also includes a central processing unit (CPU), shown by way of example as a microprocessor (μ P) 123, although other processor hardware may serve as the CPU.

The host processing system 115 is coupled to the communication interface(s) 117. In the example, the communication interface(s) 117 offer a user interface function or communication with hardware elements providing a user interface for the device 11. The communication interface(s) 117 may communicate with other control elements, for example, a host computer of a building and control automation system (BCS). The communication interface(s) 117 may also support device communication with a variety of other systems of other parties, e.g. the device manufacturer for maintenance or an on-line server for downloading of virtual luminaire configuration data.

The host processing system 115 also is coupled to the driver system 113. The driver system 113. The driver system, or driver, 113 is coupled to the software configurable lighting system 111, which is a controllable light generation and image display system (e.g., a “controllable system”) 111

to control the light generation by the controllable system **111**. The driver **113** also controls the distribution of the generated light within the controllable system **111** as well as the output of the generated light as either an image display or as general illumination lighting. The host processing system **115** and the driver system **113** provide a number of control functions for controlling operation of the lighting device **11**.

FIG. **2** illustrates a system **10** for providing configuration or setting information to a projection-based or waveguide-based software configurable lighting device (LD) **11**, e.g. based on a user selection. The projection-based or waveguide-based software configurable lighting device **11**, as well as some other elements of system **10**, are installed within a space or area **13** to be illuminated at a premises **15**. The premises **15** may be any location or locations serviced for lighting and other purposes by such system of the type described herein. Most of the examples discussed below focus on building installations, for convenience, although the system may be readily adapted to outdoor lighting. Hence, the example of system **10** provides lighting, imagery and possibly other services in a number of service areas in or associated with a building, such as various rooms, hallways, corridors or storage areas of a building and an outdoor area associated with a building. Any building forming or at the premises, for example, may be an individual or multi-resident dwelling or may provide space for one or more enterprises and/or any combination of residential and enterprise facilities.

The system elements, in a system like system **10** of FIG. **2**, may include any number of projection-based or waveguide-based software configurable lighting devices **11** as well as one or more lighting controllers **19**. Lighting controller **19** may be configured to provide control of lighting related operations (e.g., ON/OFF, intensity, brightness, image control signals and general illumination control signals) of lighting device **11**. Alternatively, or in addition, lighting controller **19** may be configured to provide control of the software configurable aspects of lighting device **11**, as described in greater detail below. That is, lighting controller **19** may take the form of a processor, such as **123** of FIG. **1**, a switch, a dimmer, or a smart control panel including a user interface depending on the functions to be controlled through device **19**. The lighting system elements may also include one or more sensors **12** used to control lighting functions, such as occupancy sensors, ambient light sensors and light or temperature feedback sensors that detect conditions of or produced by one or more of the lighting devices. If provided, the sensors **12** may be implemented in intelligent standalone system elements, or the sensors **12** may be incorporated in one of the other system elements, such as lighting device **11** and lighting controller **19**.

The on-premises system elements **11**, **12**, **19**, in a system like system **10** of FIG. **2**, are coupled to and communicate via a data network **17** at the premises **15**. The data network **17** in the example also includes a wireless access point (WAP) **21** to support communications of wireless equipment at the premises. For example, the WAP **21** and network **17** may enable a user terminal for a user to control operations of lighting device **11**. Such a user terminal is depicted in FIG. **2**, for example, as a mobile device **25** within premises **15**, although any appropriate user terminal may be utilized. However, the ability to control operations of lighting device **11** may not be limited to a user terminal accessing data network **17** via WAP **21** within premises **15**. Alternatively, or in addition, a user terminal such as laptop **27** located outside premises **15**, for example, may provide the ability to control

operations of lighting device **11** via one or more other networks **23** and the on-premises network **17**. Network(s) **23** includes, for example, a local area network (LAN), a metropolitan area network (MAN), a wide area network (WAN) or some other private or public network, such as the Internet.

For lighting operations, the system elements for a given service area (**11**, **12** and/or **19**) are coupled together for network communication with each other through data communication media to form a portion of a physical data communication network. Similar elements in other service areas of the premises are coupled together for network communication with each other through data communication media to form one or more other portions of the physical data communication network at the premises **15**. The various portions of the network in the service areas in turn are coupled together to form a data communication network at the premises, for example to form a LAN or the like, as generally represented by network **17** in FIG. **1**. Such data communication media may be wired and/or wireless, e.g. cable or fiber Ethernet, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, or cellular short range mesh. In many installations, there may be one overall data communication network **17** at the premises. However, for larger premises and/or premises that may actually encompass somewhat separate physical locations, the premises-wide network **17** may actually be built of somewhat separate but interconnected physical networks utilizing similar or different data communication media.

System **10** also includes server **29** and database **31** accessible to a processor of server **29**. Although FIG. **2** depicts server **29** as located outside premises **15** and accessible via network(s) **23**, this is only for simplicity and no such requirement exists. Similarly, although FIG. **2** depicts database **31** as physically proximate server **29**, this is only for simplicity and no such requirement exists. Instead, database **31** may be located physically disparate or otherwise separated from server **29** and logically accessible by server **29**, for example via network **17**.

Database **31** may be a collection of configuration information files for use in conjunction with software configurable lighting device **11**. For example, each configuration information file within database **31** includes an image file and a general illumination distribution file. In one example, a selected configuration information file from among the collection of configuration information files is loaded into a memory of projection-based or waveguide-based software configurable lighting device **11**, and software configurable lighting device **11** is configured to set lighting device output parameters in accordance with the selected configuration information file. The light device output parameters include, for example, light intensity, light color characteristic spatial modulation, waveguide specific lighting parameters and projection-based lighting parameters, such as beam steering reflector settings or optical channel selection settings. In this one example, the included image is a representation of a luminaire, a graphic scene, a picture scene, real imagery, video or the like, and the general illumination distribution setting configures lighting device **11** to emit light for general illumination having a light distribution corresponding to a light distribution of an output of the represented luminaire. That is, the selected configuration information file enables lighting device **11** to achieve a specific appearance and performance, e.g. lighting device **11** appears to be the represented luminaire and performs like the represented luminaire.

It should also be noted that, while various examples describe loading a single configuration information file onto lighting device **11**, this is only for simplicity. Lighting

device **11** may receive one, two or more configuration information files and each received file may be stored within lighting device **11**. In such a situation, lighting device **11** may, at various times, operate in accordance with configuration information in any one of multiple files, e.g. operate in accordance with first configuration information during daylight hours and in accordance with second configuration information during nighttime hours or in accordance with different file selections from a user operator at different times. Alternatively, lighting device **11** may only store a single configuration information file.

The lighting device **11** may have different configurations, and may be implemented using different and/or similar components. The following discussion provides examples of apparatuses usable as a lighting device in the system **10** of FIG. 2.

FIG. 3A is a detailed illustration of an example of a projection-based software configurable lighting device **400** that may be used as a lighting device **11** of FIG. 2. The lighting device **400** includes a processor **410**, memory **415**, programming code **417**, an apparatus configuration file **419** stored in the memory **415**, an electrically driven, controllable light source **430**, a movable reflector **420**, and an output panel **440**.

The apparatus configuration file **419** includes, in some examples, an image display selection and a general illumination lighting distribution selection. The image display selection includes all of the information needed for the presentation of an image at the output put surface **449**. For example, the image display selection information may include individual pixels values (including intensity, color and the like) for the image to be presented. Alternatively, the image display selection information may include image display parameters that are used by the processor **410** to calculate image display control signals. For example, the image display parameters may be used as inputs to an image display function that calculates image settings that the processor **410** uses to generate image display control signals. In another example, the processor **410** may output the parameters as image display control signals.

The general illumination lighting distribution selection may include information, such as light source(s) **430** settings, beam steering reflector(s) **420** settings, general illumination region **443** settings and other information, that the processor **410** may use to generate control signals for providing general illumination.

The processor **410** is coupled to the memory **415**. The processor **401** controls the light source **430** via the light source driver **435**, controls the movable reflector **420** via the reflector driver **425**, and controls the light output panel **440** via the output panel interface/driver **445**. The processor **410**, upon execution of programming code **417** stored in the memory **415**, is configured to output control signals to the light source **430**, the movable reflector **420** and the light output panel **440** via the respective drivers **425**, **435** and **445** based on the apparatus configuration file **419** to facilitate the output of light generated by the light source through the light output panel **440**. For example, the processor **410** accesses the memory **415** and retrieves the apparatus configuration file **419** information including the image display selection and general illumination lighting distribution selection. The processor **410** using image parameters from the image display selection information applies a function, such as a chaotic function, that generates image pixel values. The generated image pixel values are used by the processor **410** to generate control signals that are applied to the respective drivers **425**, **435** and **445**. Similarly, the processor **410**

retrieves the general illumination lighting distribution selection and generates general illumination control signals based on the general illumination lighting distribution selection.

The light source **430** is coupled to the processor **410** via a light source driver **435**. The light source **430** is responsive to a voltage and/or current (i.e., "signals") received from the light source driver **435**. The light source driver **435** is coupled to the processor **410** and the light source **430**. Light source **430** may include light emitters that generate or emit light in response to control signals, which include, for example, planar light emitting diodes (LEDs) of different colors; a micro LED; organic LEDs of different colors; an organic LED display; LEDs of different colors on gallium nitride (GaN) substrates; nanowire or nanorod LEDs of different colors; photo pumped quantum dot (QD) LEDs of different colors; plasmonic LEDs of different colors; a plasma source; laser diodes of different colors; micro LEDs of different colors; resonant-cavity (RC) LEDs of different colors; Super luminescent Diodes (SLD) of different colors, and photonic crystal LEDs of different colors.

The light source **430** may be a single light generator/emitter, or may be multiple light generator/emitter, that is optically coupled to at least one movable reflector **420**. The light source **430** is coupled to a light source driver **435** that has circuitry responsive to control signals from the processor **410**. In an example, the lighting device **400** uses a light source similar to a projection television system, e.g. with a modulated light generation device or system, as a light source **430** and light source driver **435** that is optically aligned with the movable reflector **420**. In other examples, different light sources are used. Multiple passive optics like lenses, prisms, light guides may be used to optically couple the light source to the reflector.

The movable reflector **420** includes a reflective surface optically aligned with the light source **430**. The movable reflector **420** is coupled to a reflector driver **425** that has circuitry responsive to control signals from the processor **410**. The movable reflector **420** may be based on microelectromechanical systems (MEMS), for example a digital micro-mirror device (DMD) or an analog tip/tilt/piston mirror, that distributes light modulated with respect to intensity and color characteristic across the surface of the output panel **440**. In the projection example, the output panel **440** may include image presentation regions and general illumination regions that are formed on a surface of the output panel. The movable reflector **420**, in response to control signals provided by processor **410**, directs image-related light from the light source **430** to each image region **442**, and, in response to other control signals, directs light for general illumination of an area, such as illuminated surface **460**, to general illumination regions **443** to provide a selected general illumination distribution. The light sources **430** may also be controlled by the processor **410**. For example, the light sources **430** may be modulated in cooperation with the movable reflector **420** to provide the correct intensity and color characteristics for the image and illumination regions. The illuminated surface **460** may be a desktop, a floor, countertop, wall or a combination of surfaces.

The light output panel **440** is optically coupled to the movable reflector. The controllable, light output panel **440** may be a passive patterned diffuser having a pattern of diffuse portions (i.e., image region) for image display, and transparent portions (i.e., general illumination regions) for lighting transparent regions that enable general illumination light to be output from the output panel. In other examples, the general illumination regions **443** may be optical ele-

ments like micro-lenses, prisms, or the like to provide different light distributions. In another example, the whole light output panel **440** may be a screen formed from nanophosphor materials which act as color dependent diffusers. For some wavelengths of light, such as ultra-violet light or small bands within the visible range, the nanophosphor materials will diffuse light. The light source can be modulated for those specific wavelengths to create the image. For other wavelengths, the nanophosphor materials act as transparent windows letting the light travel straight through the output panel **440**. The light source for these wavelengths may be modulated to provide a color temperature and intensity for the illumination regions according to the general illumination distribution selection. To achieve the selected color temperature and intensity, the light source **430** may, for example, contain multiple color light sources designed and modulated accordingly.

The image-related light mentioned above is light that when each image region **440** is viewed in the aggregate presents an image on the output surface **449** of the output panel **440**. For example, the image-related light may be light of a specific color, such as red, green, blue, amber, white, that is determined to be output to form an image on the output panel based on the selected image. Light for general illumination is typically white light having a brightness and color temperature that is determined based on the selected general illumination distribution.

The light output panel **440** includes image regions **442** and general illumination regions **443**. One of each region **442**, **443** is shown for ease of illustration and explanation; however, in actual implementation, hundreds to millions of regions **442**, **443** may be present. The image region **442** is, for example, a first set of addressable distributed regions of the output panel **440** responsive to image control signals output by the processor **410**. The image regions **442** are controlled based on the image selection of the configuration file **419**. The general illumination region **443** is a second set of addressable distributed regions responsive to general lighting control signals output by the processor **410**.

In an operational example, the processor **410** by executing the programming code **417** and using the configuration file **419** coordinates control of the light source **430**, the movable reflector **420** and output panel **440**. For example, the configuration file **419** includes information related to the image selection and the general illumination distribution selection. The processor **410** determines based on the respective image and the general illumination distribution selections, the characteristics of the light to be generated by the light source **430**, and at which specific image region **442** or general illumination region **443** the generated light is to be directed. It may now be appropriate to describe an operational example of the foregoing apparatus with reference to FIG. 3B.

FIG. 3B is a flowchart of a process utilizing a projection approach for a software configurable lighting device, such as that shown in FIG. 3A. In the operational example, the processor **410** executes programming code **417** stored in the memory to control the light source **430**, the movable reflector **420**, and the output panel **440**. During a first time period, the processor **410** accesses the configuration file **419** in memory **415** (Step **403**). The processor **410**, at Step **404**, retrieves the image selection information. The processor **410** determines from the image selection information in the configuration file **419** that the light source **430** is to be driven, in during the first time period, to provide light for presenting a portion of an image. For example, the processor **410** determines light parameters, such as intensity, color and

a predetermined ON-OFF duration, such as, for example, a duration in the micro-second range to the millisecond range depending on the image refresh rate, resolution, source brightness and/or other parameters, other timing information, such as switching between image light generation to general illumination light generation and vice versa, from the image selection information in the received configuration file. The image selection in the received configuration file may include additional data, such as an address of the image region **442** toward which the generated light is to be directed. In response to the determinations of processor **410** made based on the received configuration file, the processor **410** generates control signals (Step **406**) for causing the light source driver **435** to cause the light source **430** to generate light having the stored light parameters. Based on the determination, the processor **410** controls the light source **430** by delivering control signals to the light source driver **435** (Step **408**). In response to the received control signals, the circuitry of the light source driver **435** drives the light source **430** to generate/emit light for presenting the portion of the image on the output panel **440**. The processor **410** sends, simultaneously or substantially simultaneously, control signals based on the general illumination selection information in the received configuration file to the reflector driver **425** for driving the beam steering reflector **420** to provide general illumination (Step **409**).

The processor **410** provides control signals with the address information to the reflector driver **425**. The reflector driver **425** interprets the received control signals, and in response to the control signals, the reflector driver **425** generates signals that cause the beam steering reflector **420** to direct the generated image light to the addressed image region **442**. For example, in response to the image control signal received from the processor **410** at the first time period, the beam steering reflector **420** is positioned such that a movable, reflective surface of the beam steering reflector **420** directs light generated by the light source to the image regions **442** of the controllable light output panel **440** (Step **412**).

Similarly, during a second time period, the processor **410**, at Step **405**, retrieves from the configuration file accessed at Step **403**, the general illumination selection information. The processor **410** determines from the general illumination distribution selection information in the received configuration file that the light source **430** is to be driven, in a second instance, to provide light for providing general illumination. The processor **410** determines light parameters, which in the case of general illumination is, for example, white colored light with maximum intensity and a predetermined duration, such as in the sub-millisecond range to avoid flicker or other adverse effect, from the general illumination distribution selection information in the received configuration file, and, in response, generates control signals (Step **407**) for causing the light source driver **435** to cause the light source **430** to generate light having the general illumination distribution light parameters. Based on the determination, the processor **410** controls the light source **430** by delivering (Step **409**) control signals to the light source driver **435**. In response to the received control signals, the circuitry of the light source driver **435** drives the light source **430** to generate/emit light for providing the general illumination through a general illumination region of the output panel **440**. The processor **410** sends, simultaneously or substantially simultaneously, control signals based on the general illumination distribution selection in the received configuration file to the reflector driver **425** for driving the movable reflector **420**.

For example, the general illumination distribution selection in the received configuration file may include data, such as an address of the general illumination region **443** that the generated light, in this first instance, is to be directed towards. The processor **410** provides control signals with the address information to the reflector driver **425**. The reflector driver **425** interprets the received control signals, and in response to the control signals, the reflector driver **425** generates signals that cause the movable reflector **420** to direct the generated general illumination light to the addressed general illumination region **443**. The processor **410** controls the movable reflector **420** by sending general illumination control signals to the reflector driver **425**. In response to the general illumination control signals, the movable reflector **420** is positioned such that a movable reflective surface of the beam steering reflector **420** directs light generated by the light source **430** to the general illumination regions **443** of the controllable light output panel **440** (Step **411**) for output as general illumination lighting.

The above steps **406-409**, **412** and **411** of process **400A** may be repeated while the lighting device is powered ON. For example, the steps may be repeated periodically or in response to a particular event (such as being provided with a new image for presentation, or the like). While the steps **404-408** and **412**, and **405-409** and **411** are shown in parallel, in an alternative example, is also envisioned that the steps **403-409**, **412** and **411** may be performed serially.

Of course, variations to the processes **400A** are also envisioned. For example, the image selection information and the general illumination selection information may contain pre-generated control signals that may be parsed from the respective selection information and simply delivered, respectively, to the light source driver **435** and reflector driver **425**, thereby, omitting steps **406** and **407**.

While the lighting device **400** configuration is shown configured with one light source and one movable reflector other configurations are also envisioned. The light source **430**, for example, may be a number of light sources. The light source **430** may comprise a number of light emitters having different colors such as red (R), green (G), blue (B), white (W), amber (A) or the like. The light source driver **435** may also be configured to drive the respective RGBWA light emitters to provide colored light to the respective image regions **442** or white light to the respective general illumination regions **443**.

In an example, the light source **430** may include a first electrically driven, controllable light source that outputs light over a range of brightness levels, and a second electrically driven, controllable light source that outputs light having one or more discrete brightness levels. In this two light source example, the second light source has only two states: an ON state that outputs light having a first brightness level, and an OFF state that outputs light having a second brightness level. The first light source is intended to provide light for producing an image on the output panel **440**, and the second light source is intended to provide light for producing general illumination output from the output panel **440**. In this example, there is only one movable reflector **420** that is optically aligned with each of the respective first and second light sources, and is controlled to by the processor **410** to reflect light from each of the first and second light sources.

In another example using the first and second light sources, which are configured to provide image light and general illumination light, respectively, a first and second movable reflector are also provided. The first movable reflector has a reflective surface that is optically aligned with

the first light source. The first movable reflector is configured to steer light generated by the light source for presentation an image to an image region **442** of the first set of addressable distributed image regions of the light output panel **440**. Similarly, the second movable reflector has a reflective surface that is optically aligned with the second light source. The second movable reflective surface is configured to steer light generated by the light source for providing general illumination to a general illumination region **443** of the second set of addressable distributed general illumination regions of the light output panel **440**.

FIG. **4A** is another example of a somewhat more detailed illustration of an example of a software configurable lighting device including a high-level illustration of components of the lighting device. In addition to controlling the light source **431** and the movable reflector **421**, the processor **413** also controls image presentation devices of the output panel **441**.

The structural features of processor **413**, movable reflector **421** including reflector driver **426** as well as memory **41** of FIG. **4A** are substantially the same as the corresponding elements (e.g., processor **410**, light source **430** including light source driver **435**, movable reflector **420** including reflector driver **425**) **5** in FIG. **3A**. Therefore, a detailed discussion of the similar structural features and interconnections will not be discussed for the sake of brevity. While these elements are similar to previously described elements, other elements differ with respect to structure as well as function.

For example, the light source **431** is a high brightness light emitter, such as a white light emitting diode (LED) or the like. The light source **431**, in the illustrated example, is used to provide general illumination lighting on the illuminated surface **461**. The illuminated surface **461** may be a desktop, a floor, countertop, wall or a combination of surfaces. The output panel **441** may be an organic light emitting diode (OLED), electroluminescent display (ELD), or plasma-based flat panel display with general illumination regions that permit general illumination light to pass through. As shown in FIG. **4A**, the output panel **441** includes a number of presentation regions **444** and a number of addressed general illumination regions **447**. The presentation regions **444** are capable of generating an image without need for light from the light source **431**, and the addressed general illumination (GI) regions **447** pass light from the light source **431** to the illuminated surface **461**. For example, presentation region image generation circuitry **477** may be coupled to the processor **413** and the output panel driver/control interface **454**. The processor **413**, for example, when coupled to the presentation region image generation circuitry **454** may deliver the image display selection information directly to the presentation region image generation circuitry **477**. In response, the presentation region image generation circuitry **477** generates control signals that cause the presentation of the selected image display at the output side of the output panel **441**. As a result of the output panel **441** configuration, the processor **413** does not generate any image control signals for controlling reflector driver **426** for presenting an image. In some instances, the configuration file **419'** does not include image information that the processor **413** is able to interpret.

In an operational example, a process **400D** for utilizing the lighting device **400C** will be described with reference to FIG. **4B**. FIG. **4B** is a flowchart of a process utilizing a projection approach for a software configurable lighting device, such as that shown in FIG. **4A**. The processor **413** accesses the configuration file **419'** (Step **492**). The processor **413** retrieves the image information of the configuration

file 419' (Step 494). The retrieved image selection information may be delivered by the processor 413 to the output panel driver/control interface 447 without any further processing (Step 498). In response to the received image selection information, the output panel driver/control interface 447 interprets the received image information, and provides the image information to the respective presentation regions 444 that will output the image from the output panel 441.

Alternatively, the processor 413 may retrieve the image information from the configuration file 419' (Step 494), process the image information (Step 496) and deliver the processed image information to the output panel driver/control interface 454 (Step 498). In either example, the output panel driver/control interface 454 causes an image or portions thereof to be presented on the respective presentation regions 444.

Simultaneously, or substantially simultaneously, the processor 441 retrieves from the configuration file 419' information related to the general illumination distribution selection (Step 493). The general illumination distribution selection information may include general illumination light characteristic information, such as light intensity, color temperature, duration or the like, as well as an address of an general illumination region, or an addressable aperture region 447, to which the generated general illumination light is to be directed. Based on the obtained general illumination information, the processor 441 generates (Step 495) control signals that coordinate the generation of the general illumination light by the light source 431 and the steering of the moveable reflector 421 to deliver the general illumination light having the proper light parameters/characteristics to the addressed aperture region 447. The generated control signals are delivered by the processor 413 (Step 499) to the light source driver 436 and the reflector driver 426. In the illustrated example, the X indicates addressed general illumination regions 447 through which the general illumination on illuminated surface 461 passed.

The above steps 494, 496 and 498 and steps 495-499 of process 400D may be repeated while the lighting device is powered ON. For example, the steps may be repeated periodically or in response to a particular event (such as being provided with a new image for presentation, or the like). While the steps 494-498 and 493-499 are shown in parallel, in an alternative example, is also envisioned that the steps 494-499 may be performed serially.

Of course, variations to the processes 400D are also envisioned. For example, the image selection information and the general illumination selection information may contain pre-generated control signals that may be parsed from the respective selection information and simply delivered, respectively, to the light source driver 436 and reflector driver 426, thereby, omitting steps 495 and 497.

Returning to FIG. 4A, the lighting device 400C may include additional elements. For example, the output panel 441 may include an optional spatial modulation layer 451. The optional spatial modulation layer 451 may include spatial modulators arranged as a matrix of pixels in which a pixel spatial light modulator is optically coupled to process general illumination light from one or more general illumination regions 447. Each pixel spatial light modulator, for example, is configured to be electrically controllable with respect to at least one of beam shape or beam distribution (i.e. steering) of general illumination light from the light source 431. In some of the examples, the individual pixel spatial modulators in the spatial modulator array are also individually controllable in response to control signals from

the processor 441 as output panel control signals. For example, as shown in FIG. 4B, the processor 441 may generate the output control panel signals with spatial modulator signals that configure the respective spatial modulator corresponding to the addressed general illumination regions according to the general illumination distribution selection. The output panel control signals are provided to the output panel driver/control interface 447 by the processor 441. Examples of devices that may be used in the optional spatial modulation layer 451 may include slow switching speed technologies such as electro-wetting devices, liquid crystal polarization gratings, microlens devices, or the like.

The general illumination light distribution, also referred to as angular distribution, spatial modulation, and/or light distribution, refers to general illumination light as well as spatial characteristic(s) of the output of light from a lighting device. Spatial distribution of the general illumination is influenced by different control parameters related to the manner in which generated light leaves the spatial modulator aligned with the respective aperture region 447, such as the angle (also referred to as beam steering), a beam shape, time period/duration, and the like. The generated light may also take the form of light for general illumination, such as task lighting, area lighting, focal point lighting (e.g., illuminating a painting on a wall or a niche), mood lighting, and the like, that illuminates illuminated surface 461.

In addition to the projection-related examples of FIGS. 3A-4B, other examples having a reduced height and/or a more compact form factor are also envisioned as lighting devices 11 of FIG. 2. For example, FIG. 5A is another example of a waveguide-based software configurable lighting device including a high-level illustration of components of the lighting device that has a more compact form factor than the previous examples.

The lighting device 500 includes a processor 510, a memory 515, a number of light sources 520, an array of micro projectors 525, a waveguide 540, and an output screen 550. The lighting device also includes a memory, an array of micro-projectors 525. The lighting device 500 provides general illumination to an illuminated surface 560, such as a desktop, floor countertop, wall or the like.

The processor 510 is coupled to a memory 515 storing programming code 517' and a configuration file 519'. The programming code 517' when executed by the processor 510 configures the processor 510 to perform functions for operating the software configurable lighting device 500. The light sources 520 may be one or more LEDs or lasers that have high dynamic brightness range. The one or more light sources 520 may be individually, electrically controllable by the processor 510.

In the example of FIG. 5A, the waveguide 540 may have a configuration that distributes the light generated by the light sources 520 and the array of micro projectors 525 towards respective sections of the output screen 550, such that the output surface (not shown) of the output screen 550 outputs corresponding light to the beam steering/shaping pixels 542 and display pixels 543. The waveguide 540 is optically coupled to the one or more light sources 520, and may have patterned refractive/reflective/diffractive/diffuse surface sections (not shown) configured to direct light received from the one or more light sources 520 toward an output of the waveguide 540. The waveguide 540 is configured to distribute substantially all of the light generated by the light sources 520 and the array of micro projectors 525 with minimal loss of light energy. The waveguide 540 is a form of "folded optics" where the light is confined within by total internal reflection.

On the output screen **550**, the beam steering/shaping pixels **542** may be a number of individually controllable optical elements that make up a first set of controllable optics that are aligned with the waveguide to distribute light from the light sources according to a general illumination distribution selection. The display pixels **543** are also individually controllable optical elements that make up a second set of controllable optics that process, according to an image display selection, the light aimed by the array of micro-projectors reflected from the predetermined locations of the waveguide reflective surface to output an image.

The illustrated waveguide **540** approach enables beam steering/shaping pixels **542** and display pixels **543** of the output screen **550** to be in the same plane. Of course, the beam steering/shaping pixels **542** and display pixels **543** may be in different planes, and even multiple waveguides that provide separate lighting and display functions may be used. For example, the patterned output screen **550** may have multiple layers with a first layer closest to the waveguide **540** being a display pixel layer and a second layer closest to the illuminated surface **560** being a beam steering/shaping pixel layer, or vice versa.

The waveguide **540** and the array of micro-projectors **525** are configured to cooperate to enable the micro-projectors to deliver image light to the respective display pixels **543**. The array of micro-projectors **525** may include one or more individually, controllable micro-projectors. For example, in response to control signals from the processor **510**, the individual controllable micro-projectors aim output light at predetermined locations of the output surface of the waveguide **540**. The array of micro-projectors **525** may be, for example, laser scanning-type micro-projectors where multiple lasers are directed onto a single analog tip/tilt MEMS mirror that scans multiple lasers with the laser brightness modulated based on the image selection. The micro-projectors of the array **525** are configured to direct or aim the lasers at corresponding points on the waveguide **540** that will deliver the generated light at a desired display pixel **543**.

For the display part, the points on the waveguide **540**, for example, may be configured to pass only certain wavelengths of light or light that is received from a particular direction. Different types of optics may be included in the waveguide **540** to enable the respective micro-projectors of the array of micro-projectors **525** to deliver image light to the respective display pixels **543**. For example, small period holographic diffraction gratings which are highly wavelength and angle sensitive may be directly formed within or on the surface of the waveguide **540** to enable the array of micro-projectors **525** to deliver image light to the respective display pixels **543**. Other waveguides based on patterned polarization, reflective, or reflective optics can also be used. As the processor **510** processes the image file, control signals are delivered to the micro-projector and, the image is presented on the display pixels of the output screen **550**.

The output screen **550**, for example, is configured to have a pattern of beam steering/shaping pixels **542** and display pixels **543**. For example, the output screen includes a first set of optics and a second set of optics. When an image and a general illumination distribution have been selected and the output screen **550** pattern is viewed by an occupant of the space, the output screen **550** presents the selected image as well as providing the selecting general illumination distribution to the illuminated surface **560**. For example, the pattern may be a checkerboard of beam steering/shaping pixels **542** and display pixels **543** or some other pattern that provides the same effect of enabling a viewer to discern an image and also receive the benefit of the general illumina-

tion distribution at the illuminated surface **560**. The illuminated surface **560** may be a desktop, floor, wall, countertop or the like.

The beam steering/shaping pixels **542** and the display pixels **543** are controllable by the processor **510** via the output screen interface **545**. The processor **510** controls the respective beam steering/shaping pixels **542** and display pixels **543** based on the image selection and the general illumination distribution selection stored in the configuration file **519'**. In response to control signals from the processor **510**, respective ones of the beam steering/shaping pixels **542** may controlled to provide a predetermined beam distribution and/or beam shape. In other examples, the beam steering/shaping pixels **542** may be controllable elements such as electrowetting devices, liquid crystal polarization gratings, or the like. The display pixels **543** may also be active or passive elements depending on the type projector and waveguide used. For example, if the micro-projector is a laser scanning-type micro-projector as described above, the waveguide may contain holographic gratings at specific points to extract only the laser light at specific angles from the projectors toward the output screen **550**. In this case, the display pixels **543** may simply be passive diffusers that scatter the light received at those locations. In another example, where the display pixels and beam steering pixels are in different planes, the display pixels may be patterned nanophosphor materials that scatter only the specific colors such as the laser wavelengths of the projectors, but are transparent for the lighting wavelengths. In such cases, the waveguide **540** may be configured to uniformly distribute and extract the light from both light sources **520** and the micro projectors **525**. The beam steering pixels **542** and display pixels **543** may be the whole area of the output screen **550** but may be located on different planes.

An example of the operation of the waveguide approach is described with reference to FIG. **5B**. FIG. **5B** is a flowchart of a process utilizing a waveguide approach for a software configurable lighting device, such as that shown in FIG. **5A**. In the operational example, a process **500B** for utilizing the lighting device **500** will be described with reference to FIG. **5B**.

The processor **510** accesses the configuration file **519'** in memory **515** (Step **501**). The processor **510**, at Step **502**, retrieves the image selection information. The processor **510** determines from the image selection information in the configuration file **519'** that the array of micro projectors **525** is to be driven, in a first instance, to provide light for presenting a portion of an image. For example, the image selection information in the received configuration file may include data, such as light parameter data, an address of the display pixel **542** that the generated light is to be directed towards, and the like. The processor **510** determines image light parameters, such as intensity, color and a predetermined duration (that may be anywhere in the micro-second range to the millisecond range depending on the image refresh rate, resolution, and source brightness), from the image selection information in the received configuration file (Step **504**), and, in response, generates control signals (Step **506**) for causing one or more respective micro-projectors of the array of micro-projectors **525** to generate light having the determined image light parameters. Based on the determination, the processor **510** controls the array of micro-projectors **525** by delivering the image control signals to one or more micro-projectors of the array of micro-projectors **525** (Step **508**). The image control signals include, for example, the address of the display pixel **543** that is to receive the image light having the determined light

parameters. In response to the received control signals, the array of micro-projectors **525** generate/emit light for presenting the portion of the image at the addressed display pixel **543** of the output screen **550**. Steps **506** and **508** repeat as the micro-projector of the array **525** rapidly transitions (e.g., in fractions of milliseconds) from one display pixel **543** to another display pixel of the output screen **550** so that a viewer sees a complete image in the output screen **550**.

Simultaneously or substantially simultaneously to the steps **504**, **506** or **508**, the processor **510**, at Step **503**, retrieves general illumination selection information from the accessed configuration file. The processor **510** determines that the light sources **520** are to be driven to provide light for providing general illumination from the general illumination distribution selection information in the received configuration file. The processor **510** determines light parameters (Step **505**), which in the case of a general illumination distribution selection are, for example, white colored or similar light at a maximum intensity, and/or a predetermined duration (that may be in the sub-millisecond range to avoid flicker), from the general illumination distribution selection information in the received configuration file. In response to the determination of the general illumination light parameters, the processor **510** generates control signals (Step **507**) to cause the light sources **520** to generate light having the determined general illumination distribution light parameters. Upon generation of the control signals, the processor **510** delivers (Step **509**) the generated control signals to the light source **520**.

The determined image light parameters and determined general illumination distribution light parameters may also include setting information for the respective beam steering/shaping pixels **542** in order to deliver light according to the general illumination distribution.

The above steps **504-509** of process **500B** may be repeated while the lighting device is powered ON. For example, the steps may be repeated periodically or in response to a particular event (such as being provided with a new image for presentation, or the like). While the steps **502-508** and **503-509** are shown in parallel, in an alternative example, it is also envisioned that the steps **502-509** may be performed serially.

Of course, variations to the processes **500B** are also envisioned. For example, the image selection information and the general illumination selection information may contain pre-generated control signals providing, for example, the respective general illumination light parameters and image light parameters that may be parsed from the respective selection information and simply delivered, respectively, to the array of micro-projectors **525** and the light source **520**, thereby, omitting steps **504-507**.

The system timing for providing the image presentation and general illumination in each of the examples illustrated in FIGS. **3A-5B** may be performed using a number of different techniques. One technique includes time division multiplexing that enables the respective processors of FIGS. **5A** and **5B** to provide the selected image and general illumination distribution.

FIG. **6A** is a timing diagram useful in understanding a time division multiplexing approached to the described image display and general illumination lighting functions, such as those examples described with reference to FIGS. **3A** and **5A**. The drivers or processor may receive control signals that include timing signals for controlling the respective display and lighting functions based on a timing diagram like the simplified illustration of FIG. **6A**.

In this example, the timing diagram shows a time cycle t_c that includes time durations related to the general illumination lighting time duration t_l and the image display presentation time period t_d . The example timing diagram may indicate timing for a specific general lighting duration and/or a particular type of image display, and is only an example. Other timing signals may be suitable depending upon different user selections and lighting conditions selected for a space or the like. The time cycle t_c may be an arbitrary time duration. The time cycle t_c is likely to be a duration that does not allow the transition from general illumination lighting during time period t_l to presentation of the image display during period t_d to be discernible (e.g., as flicker, changes in contrast of objects in the room, or the like) by a person in the space. In addition, although the time durations t_c , t_l and t_d are shown as periodic, each of the respective time durations t_c , t_l and t_d may be aperiodic to enable different general illumination distributions and image displays. A more detailed example is provided with reference to FIG. **6B**.

FIG. **6B** is a functional diagram of an example of a time division multiplexing implementation of display and lighting functions. The lighting devices of FIG. **5A** may be configured to function according to the example of FIG. **6B**. The light sources, for example, are configured to have brightness and color characteristics suitable for providing image display capability, and also have a high dynamic range to also provide selected general illumination. In an example, a lighting device, such as **500**, includes a controller, such as processor **510**, and an output screen, such as **550** (as shown in FIG. **5A**). In the example, the output screen **550** may include a two dimensional display pixel array and a two dimensional beam steering/shaping array, either in the same plane or stacked in different planes. Each of the display pixels in the two dimensional display pixel array be switchable diffusers made from materials such as Polymer Dispersed Liquid Crystals (PDLCs). Each of the beam steering pixels in the two dimensional display pixel array may be controllable elements such as electrowetting devices, liquid crystal polarization gratings, or the like. Each of the respective arrays includes pixels that are responsive to control commands from the controller provided via an interface, such as output screen interface **545**.

In the example, the time division multiplexing timing signals illustrated in the time lines at the bottom of FIG. **6B** may be useable in the projection approach of FIGS. **3A** and **3B**. The time period t_L corresponds to the part of the switching time cycle (e.g., t_C of FIG. **6A**) in which the light source **520** generated general illumination light, and the time period t_D corresponds to the part of the switching time cycle when the array of micro-projectors generates image light. In the illustrated example, the control signal delivered by the processor **410** at the left most time t_L is maximum brightness. The processor **410**, based on the timing signals, outputs a signal to the reflector driver **425** and/or the output panel interface/driver **445** to drive the respective general illumination region to output a maximum light output in order that the lighting device may be used as a general illumination device.

FIG. **7A** illustrates an example of a single multi-dimensional micro-electrical mechanical system (MEMS) mirror. The MEMS device **700**, for example, may be configured for use as a controllable beam steering reflector, such as **420** of FIG. **3A** or **421** of FIG. **4A**.

The MEMs mirror **710** of the MEMS device **700** is rotatable in multiple directions, such as a pan and tilt, around the **2** axis of rotation in response to an applied voltage. In some examples, the MEMs mirror **710** may move up and

down similar to the movement of a piston, which may be in combination with the pan and tilt motions. A voltage applied to electrodes (not shown) may cause rotation in a first axial direction **721**, and as the voltage changes, the mirror may rotate a number of degrees corresponding to the changes in voltage. Similarly, voltage applied to a different set of electrodes may cause the mirror **710** to rotate in a second axial direction **722**. Unless the mirror is flexible, the rotation of the mirror **710** is limited to rotation in a single axial direction at one time. Only after stopping to rotate in the selected axial direction, such as **721**, may the mirror **710** begin to rotate in the other axial direction, which is subsequently selected. In other examples, the structures enabling movement in axes **721** and **722** may be individually controllable on either side of the mirror to allow the mirror to tilt and pan in all directions. In addition, some examples enable an up and down piston-like movement that may also be combined with tilting and panning movements.

FIG. 7B shows an example of a MEMS mirror causing the light direction being changed by the rotating mirror **710**. For example, the incident light **701** from a light source (not shown in this example) is reflected in a particular direction **731** when the mirror **710** is in position A. In response to a control signal, the mirror **710** rotates to position B and the incident light **701** is reflected in a new direction **733**.

It is envisioned that a number of MEMS devices **760** may be configured in an array. FIG. 7C shows a MEMS mirror array **1660** suitable for beam shaping and deflection, each single MEMS mirror **710** may be individually controlled to achieve the deflection angle required of a movable reflector in response to an input beam from a light source.

For example, each of the pixel spatial light modulators includes a micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS) mirror as shown in FIG. 7C. Each MEMS mirror **710** in the array **1660** is capable of changing position in response to commands from the processor and/or the driver. The position changes of the MEMS mirror **710** facilitates light beam shaping and light beam distribution.

The above discussion of FIGS. 7A-7C provides examples of different arrangements of spatial modulators that are controllable at the pixel level to provide beam shaping and beam steering functionalities. The advantages provided by the described examples allows for an image display of, for example, a virtual lighting fixture that is presented by an example of a described lighting device while providing selected general illumination distributions, including illumination that may not be provided by a physical lighting fixture that corresponds to the virtual lighting fixture.

The term "coupled" as used herein refers to any logical, physical or electrical connection, link or the like by which signals produced by one system element are imparted to another "coupled" element. Unless described otherwise, coupled elements or devices are not necessarily directly connected to one another and may be separated by intermediate components, elements or communication media that may modify, manipulate or carry the signals.

FIG. 8A shows an example of a modified ON/OFF state light recycling system usable with examples of lighting devices such as lighting devices **11** shown in FIG. 2.

The modified ON/OFF state recycling system **800** includes a light source **805**, a light steering device **811**, a color filtering device **813**, Display (DIS)-State projection optics **815**, a display part **817**, General Illumination (GI)-State projection optics **820** and a general illumination part **825**.

In the illustrated example, the modified ON/OFF state recycling system **800** has two light channels: an Display

(DIS) channel and a General Illumination (GI) channel. The DIS channel is shown as the lower optical pathway and the GI channel is the upper optical pathway. When the system **800** is in a display-state (DIS-state), the DIS channel provides light to the display part **817**, and when the system **800** is in a general illumination-state (GI-state), the GI channel provides light to the general illumination part **825**. Both channels may utilize a single light source. The light source **805** is a collimated LED, lamp or laser diode that is configured to deliver unpolarized light to the light steering device **811**. The steering device **811** is, for example, a two-dimensional (2D) Digital Micromirror Device (DMD)/Digital Light Processing (DLP) chip. The light steering device **811** is configured to switch, in response to a control signal from a controller, such as lighting controller **19** of FIG. 2 or microprocessor **123** of FIG. 1, between the DIS-state, which utilizes the DIS channel projection optics **815**, and the GI-state, which utilizes the GI state projection optics **820**.

The DIS channel provides the image display for the lighting device, such as lighting device **11** of FIG. 2. The DIS channel optical path includes the color filter wheel **813**, DIS-State projection optics **815**, and the diffuser screen (Display Part) **817**. The DIS-State projection optics **815** include input colored-light lens **815A** and colored-light output lens **815B**. The input colored-light lens **815A** disperses the input colored-light that is further input to colored-light output lens **815B**. The colored-light output lens **815B** further disperses the colored-light to substantially fill the diffuser screen **817** with the image display light.

The GI-state projection optics **820** also use a light steering device, device **821**. As shown in the example of FIG. 8, the light steering devices **811** and **821** may be MEMS devices **811** and **821**, such as those shown in FIGS. 7A-7C, to provide a lighting device that requires only a fraction of the brightness and spectrum of a display device. The GI channel provides the general illumination lighting for the lighting device, such as lighting device **11** of FIG. 2. The GI channel optical path includes the GI-State projection optics **820** and the general illumination part **825**. The GI-State projection optics **820** include input light steering device **821** and light output lens **823**. The light steering device **821** may be configured to steer the input light, for example, to a particular part of the light output lens **823**, such as an upper portion of the output lens, depending upon general illumination control signals received from the controller. In other examples, the light steering device **821** may be controlled to deliver a uniform beam of light to the output lens **823**, or deliver light to another part of the light output lens **823**. Alternatively or, in addition, the light steering device **821** may also provide beam shaping, which disperses or narrows the input light, in response to the general illumination control signals received from the controller that are based on the general illumination distribution selection.

FIG. 8B illustrates an example of a process by which the modified ON/OFF state light recycling system provides general illumination lighting and an image presentation with examples of lighting devices such as lighting devices **11** shown in FIG. 2. The process **850** may be executed by a controller, such as light controller **19** of FIG. 2 or processor **115** of FIG. 1. The controller upon receipt of a configuration file parses out a general light distribution selection and/or an image display selection. The process **850** begins with the light source **805** being switched ON and outputting light based on control signals received from the controller (**855**). The brightness of the output light may be a maximum brightness, minimum brightness or a brightness between the

minimum and maximum brightness capabilities of the light source **805**. In some examples, the brightness may be fixed at a predetermined brightness, such as maximum brightness.

The controller may access configuration settings in a memory, such as memories **125**, or be provided with the configuration settings by an external source, such as a user device **25**, computing device **27** or server(s) **29**. The controller generates control signals based on the accessed configuration settings, which may include, for example, light driver values, spatial modulator driver values, and other values for providing selected beam direction and/or beam shape, selected light quality and/or generated image(s) selections. Based on the configuration settings, the controller determines whether it is to provide general illumination or image control signals (**860**). For example, the controller parses image and general illumination settings and/or parameters from the configuration file to determine that an image is to be presented, which requires the light generated by the light source to be provided to the DIS state projection optics **815**. In response to the determination, the controller delivers control signals to the light steering device **811** to direct light from the light source to the DIS channel (**861**). With the light being delivered to the DIS state projection optics **815**, the controller provides the color filter wheel **813** with an image control signal (at **863**) that sets the color filtering for the light to be delivered to the input colored-light lens **815A** for output from the colored-light output lens **815B** to the display part diffuser **817** (**865**). The process **850** returns to step **860** to determine whether light has to be provided for general illumination or image display. Upon a determination that light is to be provided for general illumination at **860**, the controller provides a control signal to the light steering device **811** to direct the light to the GI channel projection optics (**862**). The controller further controls the light steering device **821** of the GI channel projection optics to deliver light of a particular orientation to the light output lens **823** (at **864**). The light output lens **823** provides further processing and output to the general illumination part **825**.

The light output lens **823** further processes the light according to its lens configuration, which may be fixed, for output to the general illumination part **825**. For example, the output lens **823** may be configured to disperse the input light received from light steering device **823**. In other some configurations, the output lens **823** may have regions with the lens structure that perform beam steering or beam shaping. The light is output from the output lens **823** to the general illumination part **825** for distribution as general illumination lighting (**866**). Upon providing the light for general illumination, the process **850** returns to **860** to determine whether light is to be provided for general illumination or an image display.

The timing of the return from either providing image display light or general illumination light in process **850**, in some examples, is based on the image display selection and the general illumination distribution selection. The timing may be based on the time division multiplexing discussed above with reference to FIGS. **6A** and **6B**. Alternatively, the timing may be based on the details of the image display selection and/or the general illumination distribution selection. For example, if the lighting device has no image display selected and only has a general illumination distribution selection, the controller, in response, may provide control signals to the light steering device **811** to remain at a setting that only provides light to the GI channel projection optics **820**. Alternatively, the lighting device may have only an image display selection and no general illumination

distribution selection chosen. As a result, the controller may provide only image display control signals that direct the light steering device **811** to provide light to the DIS channel projection optics **815**.

Optionally, each of the diffuser screen **817** and general illumination **825** may include passive or active spatial light modulators **819** and **829**, respectively. Examples of passive spatial light modulators usable as spatial light modulators **819/829** include microlens devices, prismatic lens structures, diffusers, or the like. Examples of active spatial light modulators usable as spatial light modulators **819/829** include electrowetting lens, liquid crystal polarization gratings, switchable diffusers or the like.

In examples in which the optional spatial light modulators **819/829** are active spatial light modulators, the controller may provide spatial light modulator control signals to the respective active spatial modulators **819** and **829**. The spatial light modulator control signals, for example, in the case of controlling general illumination distribution, may configure the active spatial modulator **829** to process the light according to the provided spatial light modulation control signals.

FIG. **9** shows another projection-based example based on the arrangement illustrated in FIG. **8**. The projection-based example illustrated in FIG. **9** may utilize a controllable light source **905** for both display and illumination. Light source **905** may be an array of individual color emitters, such as R, G, B light emitting diodes (LEDs), super luminescent diodes (SLDs), or laser diodes (LD), or the like with collimation optics to guide the light from the source array towards a controllable source distribution element **911**. The source distribution element **911**, for example, in response to a control signal splits the light into two paths: one for general illumination (GI-State) and the other for display (DIS-State) purposes. For example, the source distribution element control **911** may be an array of fibers that are routed towards the respective GI-State and DIS-State channels. Alternatively, the controllable source distribution element **911** may be, for example, a DMD array that is time synchronized with controllable light source **905**. The source distribution element **911** uses, for example, time division multiplexing in synchronization with the controllable light source **905** to split the light emitted by the controllable light source **905** into the respective GI-State and DIS-State channels. Yet another example for implementing controllable source distribution element **911** may include combinations of dichroic mirrors, diffraction gratings that are configured to selectively reflect/diffract a fraction of the colors within the spectrum of controllable light source **905** toward the respective DIS-State or GI-State channels.

In some examples, the respective GI-State and DIS-State channels contain optics to modulate the light correspondingly and project the light towards a common projection screen **919** where some/all of the area is shared between the general illumination and image display functions. For example, the GI-State projection optics **920** may include phosphor films **920A** to convert the light from controllable light source **905** into light having a broad spectrum for achieving a Color Rendering Index (CRI) between approximately 80 and 98. Other optics included in the GI-State projection optics **920** may include lenses **920B**, which, in the illustrated example, re-collimates the scattered light from the phosphor films **920A** and guides the re-collimated light towards the spatial light modulator **920C**. The spatial light modulator **920C** shape and steer the re-collimated light towards the projection screen **919**. The spatial light modulator **920C** may be an array of electrowetting cells, another DMD array, liquid crystal polarization gratings, or the like.

The DIS-state projection optics **915** may include a controllable display modulator **915A** which may be a DMD array. The display modulator **915A** projects the image light through the optical lenses **915B** towards the projection screen **919**. The light in the DIS-State channel may be highly saturated into narrow color bands, such as R G B, to achieve a color gamut having a distribution of colors typically used in the generation and presentation of images, such as those projected onto the projection screen **919**.

The projection screen **919** may be, for example, a simple passive diffusing film. In other cases, the projection screen **919** made of nanophosphor materials may be used that selectively scatter the light from the DIS path while being transparent for the GI-State channel. This increases the contrast-ratio of the projected image at the screen and also ensures that the light from the GI-State channel is not scattered and beam shaping/steering can be still accomplished through the screen. Of course, other examples may be envisioned based on FIG. **9**.

As shown by the above discussion, although many intelligent processing functions are implemented in the projection and/or waveguide lighting device, at least some functions may be implemented via communication with general purpose computers or other general purpose user terminal devices, although special purpose devices may be used. FIGS. **9-11** provide functional block diagram illustrations of exemplary general purpose hardware platforms.

FIG. **10** illustrates a network computer platform or host computer platform, as may typically be used to generate and/or receive lighting device **11** control commands and access networks and devices external to the lighting device **11**, such as host processor system **115** of FIG. **1**. FIG. **11** depicts a computer with user interface elements as shown in FIG. **1**, although the computer of FIG. **11** may also act as a server if appropriately programmed. The block diagram of a hardware platform of FIG. **12** represents an example of a mobile device, such as a tablet computer, smartphone or the like with a network interface to a wireless link, which may alternatively serve as a user terminal device for providing a user experience such as **190**. It is believed that those skilled in the art are familiar with the structure, programming and general operation of such computer equipment and as a result the drawings should be self-explanatory.

A server (see e.g. a network computer platform of FIG. **10**), for example, includes a data communication interface (i.e., com ports) for packet data communication via the particular type of available network. The server also includes a central processing unit (CPU), in the form of one or more processors, for executing program instructions. The server platform typically includes an internal communication bus, program storage and data storage for various data files to be processed and/or communicated by the server, although the server often receives programming and data via network communications. The hardware elements, operating systems and programming languages of such servers are conventional in nature, and it is presumed that those skilled in the art are adequately familiar therewith. Of course, the server functions may be implemented in a distributed fashion on a number of similar platforms, to distribute the processing load. A server, such as that shown in FIG. **10**, may be accessible or have access to a projection and/or waveguide lighting device **11** via the communication interfaces **117** of the projection and/or waveguide lighting device **11**. For example, the server may deliver in response to a user request a configuration information file. The information of a configuration information file may be used to configure a software configurable lighting device, such as lighting

device **11**, to set light output parameters comprising: (1) light intensity, (2) light color characteristic and (2) spatial modulation, in accordance with the lighting device configuration information. In some examples, the lighting device configuration information include an image for display by the lighting device and at least one pixel level setting for at least one of beam steering or beam shaping by the lighting device. The configuration information file may also include information regarding the performance of the software configurable lighting device, such as dimming performance, color temperature performance and the like. The configuration information file may also include temporal information such as when to switch from one beam shape or displayed image to another and how long the transition from one state to another should take. Configuration data may also be provided for other states, e.g., for when the virtual luminaire is to appear OFF, in the same or a separate stored data file.

A computer type user terminal device, such as a desktop or laptop type personal computer (PC), similarly includes a data communication interface CPU, main memory (such as a random access memory (RAM)) and one or more disc drives or other mass storage devices for storing user data and the various executable programs (see FIG. **11**). A mobile device (see FIG. **12**) type user terminal may include similar elements, but will typically use smaller components that also require less power, to facilitate implementation in a portable form factor. The example of FIG. **12** includes a wireless wide area network (WWAN) transceiver (XCVR) such as a 3G or 4G cellular network transceiver as well as a short range wireless transceiver such as a Bluetooth and/or WiFi transceiver for wireless local area network (WLAN) communication. The computer hardware platform of FIG. **10** and the terminal computer platform of FIG. **10** are shown by way of example as using a RAM type main memory and a hard disk drive for mass storage of data and programming, whereas the mobile device of FIG. **12** includes a flash memory and may include other miniature memory devices. It may be noted, however, that more modern computer architectures, particularly for portable usage, are equipped with semiconductor memory only.

The various types of user terminal devices will also include various user input and output elements. A computer, for example, may include a keyboard and a cursor control/selection device such as a mouse, trackball, joystick or touchpad; and a display for visual outputs (see FIG. **11**). The mobile device example in FIG. **12** uses a touchscreen type display, where the display is controlled by a display driver, and user touching of the screen is detected by a touch sense controller (Ctrlr). The hardware elements, operating systems and programming languages of such computer and/or mobile user terminal devices also are conventional in nature, and it is presumed that those skilled in the art are adequately familiar therewith.

The user device of FIG. **11** and the mobile device of FIG. **12** may also interact with the lighting device **11** in order to enhance the user experience **190**. For example, third party applications **191** may correspond to control parameters of a software configurable lighting device, such as image presentation and general illumination. In addition, in response to the user controlled input devices, such as I/O of FIG. **11** and touchscreen display of FIG. **12**, the lighting device, in some examples, is configured to accept input from a host of sensors, such as sensors **121**. These sensors may be directly tied to the hardware of the device or be connected to the platform via a wired or wireless network. For example, a daylight sensor may be able to affect the light output from the illumination piece of the platform and at the same time

change the scene of display as governed by the algorithms associated with the daylight sensor and the lighting platform. Other examples of such sensors can be more advanced in their functionality such as cameras for occupancy mapping and situational mapping.

As also outlined above, aspects of the techniques form operation of a projection and/or waveguide software configurable lighting device and any system interaction therewith, may involve some programming, e.g. programming of the lighting device or any server or terminal device in communication with the lighting device. For example, the mobile device of FIG. 12 and the user device of FIG. 11 may interact with a server, such as the server of FIG. 10, to obtain a configuration information file that may be delivered to a particular lighting device 11. Subsequently, the mobile device of FIG. 10 and/or the user device of FIG. 11 may execute programming that permits the respective devices to interact with the projection and/or waveguide software configurable lighting device 11 to provide control commands such as the DIS/GI command or a performance command, such as dim or provide control signals to operate components of the lighting device 11.

Program aspects of the technology discussed above therefore may be thought of as “products” or “articles of manufacture” typically in the form of executable code and/or associated data (software or firmware) that is carried on or embodied in a type of machine readable medium. “Storage” type media include any or all of the tangible memory of the computers, processors or the like, or associated modules thereof, such as various semiconductor memories, tape drives, disk drives and the like, which may provide non-transitory storage at any time for the software or firmware programming. All or portions of the programming and/or configuration file may at times be communicated through the Internet or various other telecommunication networks. Such communications, for example, may enable loading of the software from one computer or processor into another, for example, from a management server or host computer of the lighting system service provider into any of the lighting devices, sensors, user interface devices, other non-lighting-system devices, etc. of or coupled to the system 10 at the premises 15, including both programming for individual element functions and programming for distributed processing functions. Thus, another type of media that may bear the software/firmware program or data elements includes optical, electrical and electromagnetic waves, such as used across physical interfaces between local devices, through wired and optical landline networks and over various air-links. The physical elements that carry such waves, such as wired or wireless links, optical links or the like, also may be considered as media bearing the software. As used herein, unless restricted to non-transitory, tangible or “storage” media, terms such as computer or machine “readable medium” refer to any medium that participates in providing data or instructions to a processor for execution.

It will be understood that the terms and expressions used herein have the ordinary meaning as is accorded to such terms and expressions with respect to their corresponding respective areas of inquiry and study except where specific meanings have otherwise been set forth herein. Relational terms such as first and second and the like may be used solely to distinguish one entity or action from another without necessarily requiring or implying any actual such relationship or order between such entities or actions. The terms “comprises,” “comprising,” “includes,” “including,” or any other variation thereof, are intended to cover a non-exclusive inclusion, such that a process, method, article,

or apparatus that comprises a list of elements does not include only those elements but may include other elements not expressly listed or inherent to such process, method, article, or apparatus. An element preceded by “a” or “an” does not, without further constraints, preclude the existence of additional identical elements in the process, method, article, or apparatus that comprises the element.

Unless otherwise stated, any and all measurements, values, ratings, positions, magnitudes, sizes, and other specifications that are set forth in this specification, including in the claims that follow, are approximate, not exact. They are intended to have a reasonable range that is consistent with the functions to which they relate and with what is customary in the art to which they pertain.

While the foregoing has described what are considered to be the best mode and/or other examples, it is understood that various modifications may be made therein and that the subject matter disclosed herein may be implemented in various forms and examples, and that they may be applied in numerous applications, only some of which have been described herein. It is intended by the following claims to claim any and all modifications and variations that fall within the true scope of the present concepts.

What is claimed is:

1. A lighting device, comprising:
 - a memory;
 - programming code stored in the memory;
 - an electrically, controllable light source;
 - a beam steering reflector having a movable reflective surface, wherein the orientation of the movable reflective surface is electrically controllable;
 - an output panel comprising a control interface and two distinct regions, the two distinct regions including:
 - a presentation region that outputs an image; and
 - an addressable general illumination region, different from the presentation region, and having controllable states of opacity;
 - a processor coupled to the memory, the light source, the beam steering reflector, and the control interface of the output panel, the processor, upon execution of the programming code stored in the memory, being configured to:
 - set light output parameters to generate light by the light source;
 - direct the generated light from the light source toward the addressable general illumination region of the output panel to pass through the addressable general illumination region as general illumination light to illuminate surrounding space of the output panel based on the controllable opacity of the addressable general illumination region of the output panel;
 - retrieve image data from the memory;
 - determine an address of the presentation region to which a portion of the image data is to be delivered;
 - provide the portion of the image data to the addressed presentation region of the output panel via an output panel communication interface; and
 - repeat the determining and providing for all portions of the image data until all portions of the image data are output from the output panel.
2. The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the output panel is optically aligned with the movable reflective surface.
3. The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the presentation region of the output panel comprises:
 - an organic light emitting diode or a plasma display device, each of which is configured to present image data at an output of the output panel.

4. The lighting device of claim 1, further comprising:
 presentation region image generation circuitry configured
 to provide image control signals to the presentation
 region according to an image selection file provided
 with a configuration file retrieved from the memory. 5
5. The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the output panel
 further comprises:
 a spatial modulation layer having spatial modulators at the
 output side of the output panel, wherein the spatial
 modulators are: 10
 positioned at the output side of the addressable general
 illumination regions; and
 configured from one or more of: a controllable elec-
 trowetting cell, a liquid crystal polarization grating,
 a switchable diffusing surface, or a pixelated micro- 15
 lens assembly.
6. The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the output panel
 further comprises:
 a spatial modulation layer including a number of indi-
 vidually controllable spatial modulators arranged in a 20
 matrix of spatial modulator pixels.
7. The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the controllable
 states of opacity allows different amounts of lights from the
 controllable light source to pass through for output from the
 addressable general illumination region of the output panel. 25
8. The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the processor
 is configured to address the general illumination region via
 the control interface to set opacity to one of the opacity
 states of the general illumination region according to the
 processed data to allow a selected amount of light from the 30
 controllable light source to pass through the addressable
 general illumination region as general illumination light.

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